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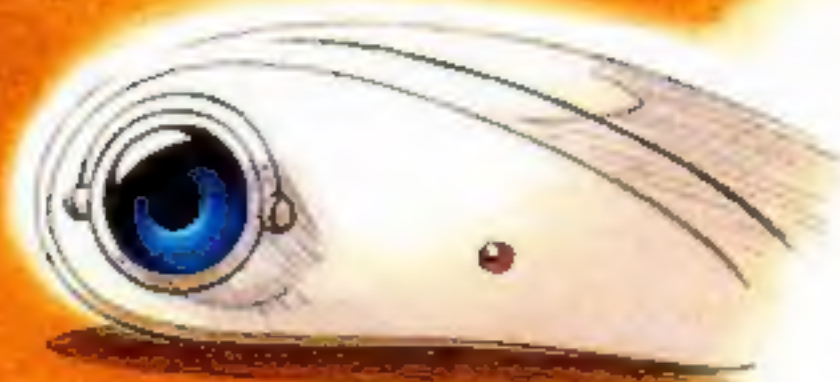
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Story 43

Dancing Alone





MY CAMERA.



IT TAKES ME PLACES;
ACTS AS MY
NAVIGATOR.

BUT EVEN ON
A DAY LIKE TODAY
WHERE IT LOOKS
LIKE I AM OUT
TAKING PICTURES,
THE CAMERA
PROBABLY WON'T
EVEN BE REMOVED
FROM IT'S POUCH.



AT TIMES
LIKE THESE,
I AM BUT
A BUMP
ON THE
PROTRUDING
EARTH.

I SLOWLY
WANDER ABOUT
LIKE THIS.

THIS PLACE
IS AT THE
EDGE OF
SKY AND
EARTH.

I WONDER
WHERE
I WANT
TO GO
TODAY...

I
SEEM TO
HAVE
CHOSEN
MY
PATH.



AS THE BLIMP THAT
IS ME LOOKS ABOUT,
I CONTINUE WALKING.

A SONG COMES
EASILY TO MY LIPS.

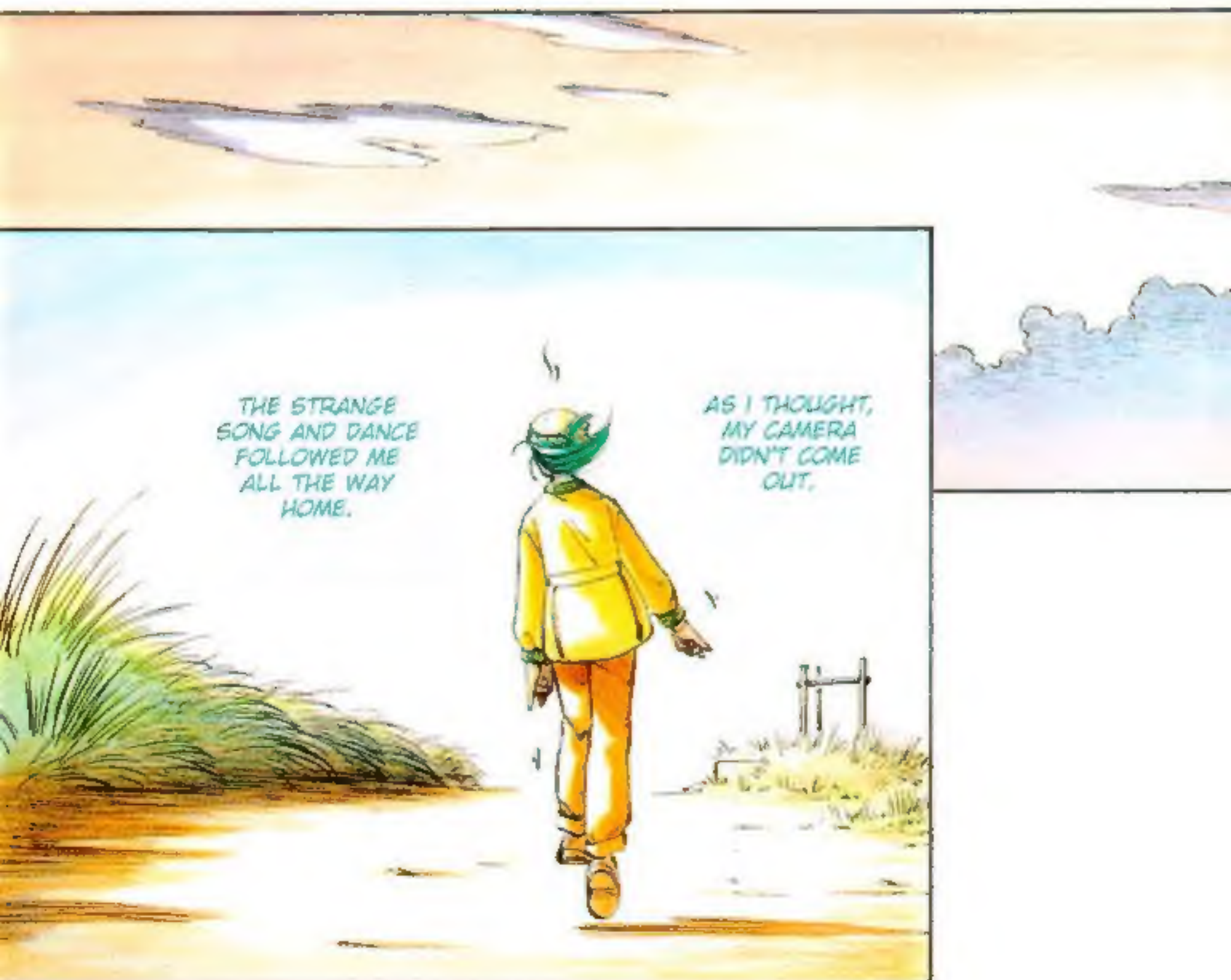
IT FOLLOWS THE RHYTHM
OF MY STEPS.



MY ARMS BEGIN TO
SWING WIDER.







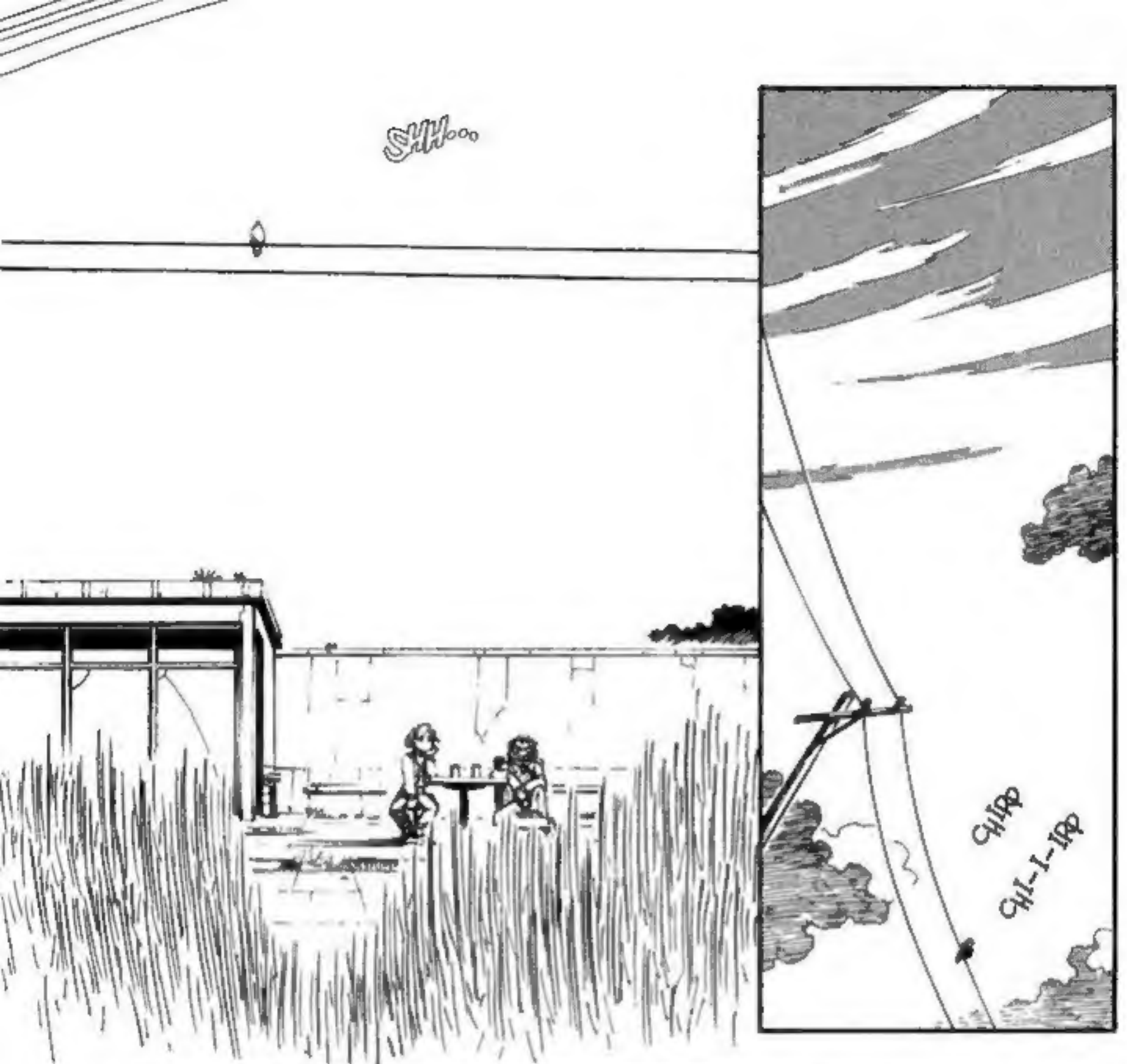
THE STRANGE
SONG AND DANCE
FOLLOWED ME
ALL THE WAY
HOME.

AS I THOUGHT,
MY CAMERA
DIDN'T COME
OUT.

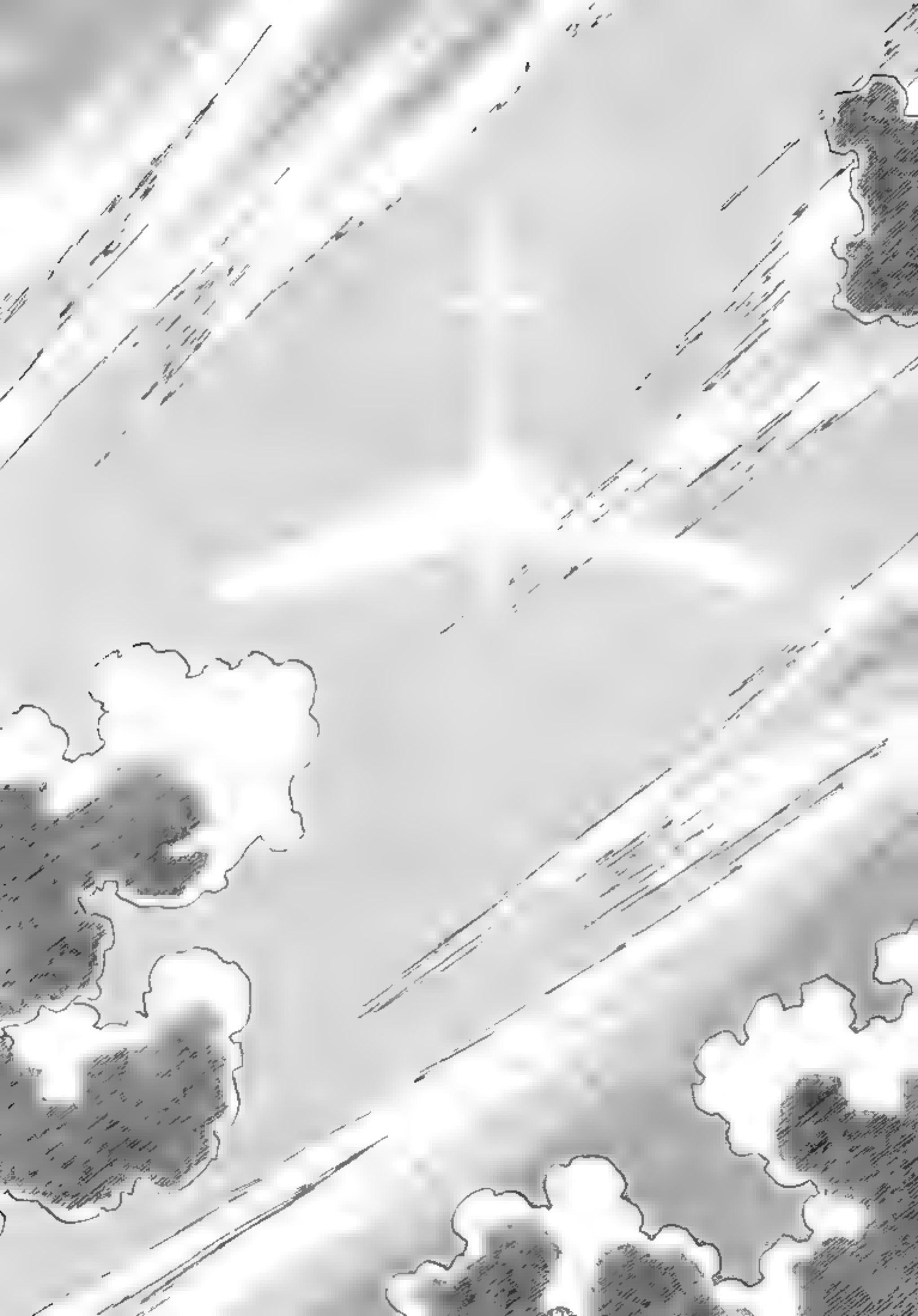
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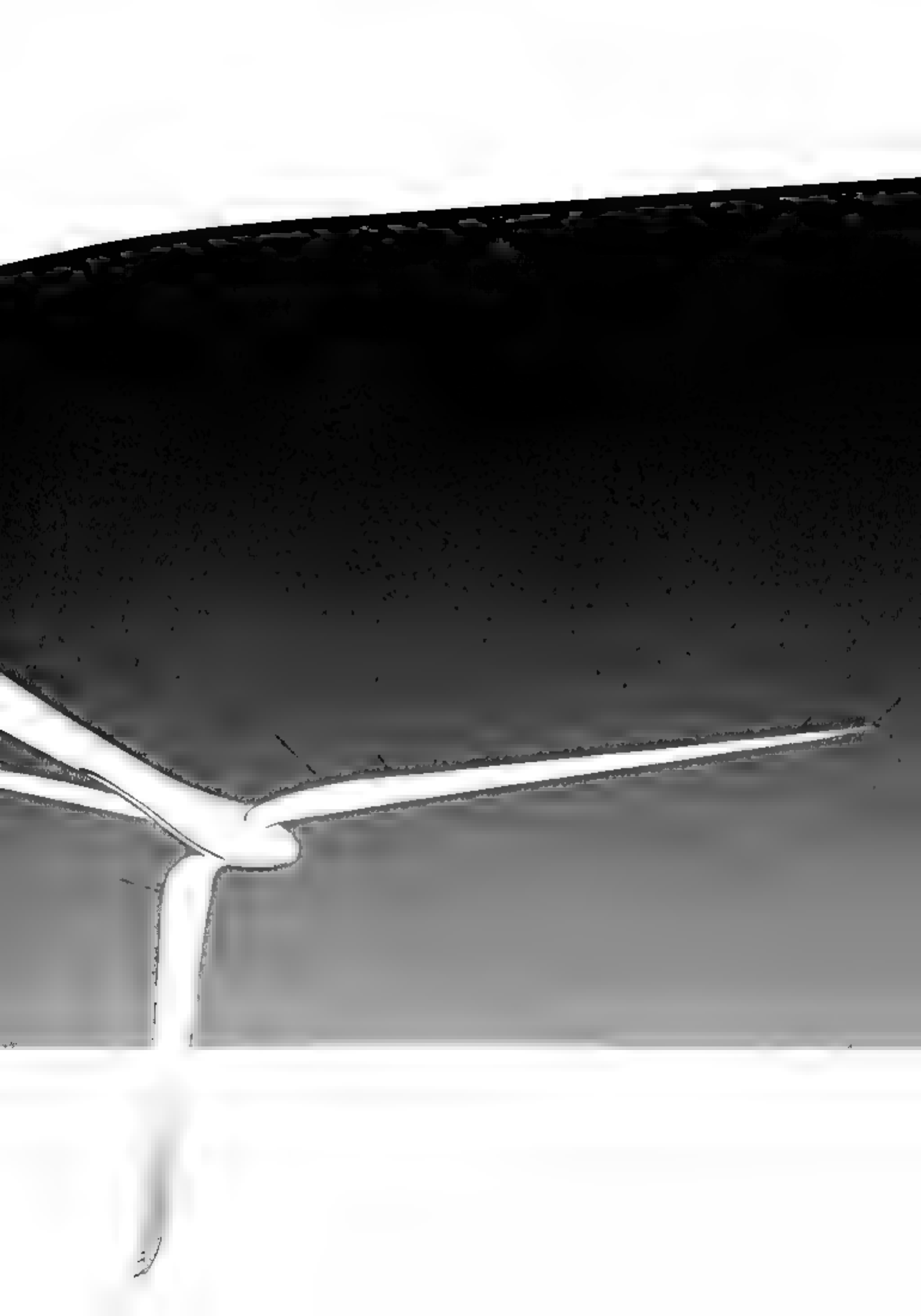
Eyes of Stars,
Eyes of People

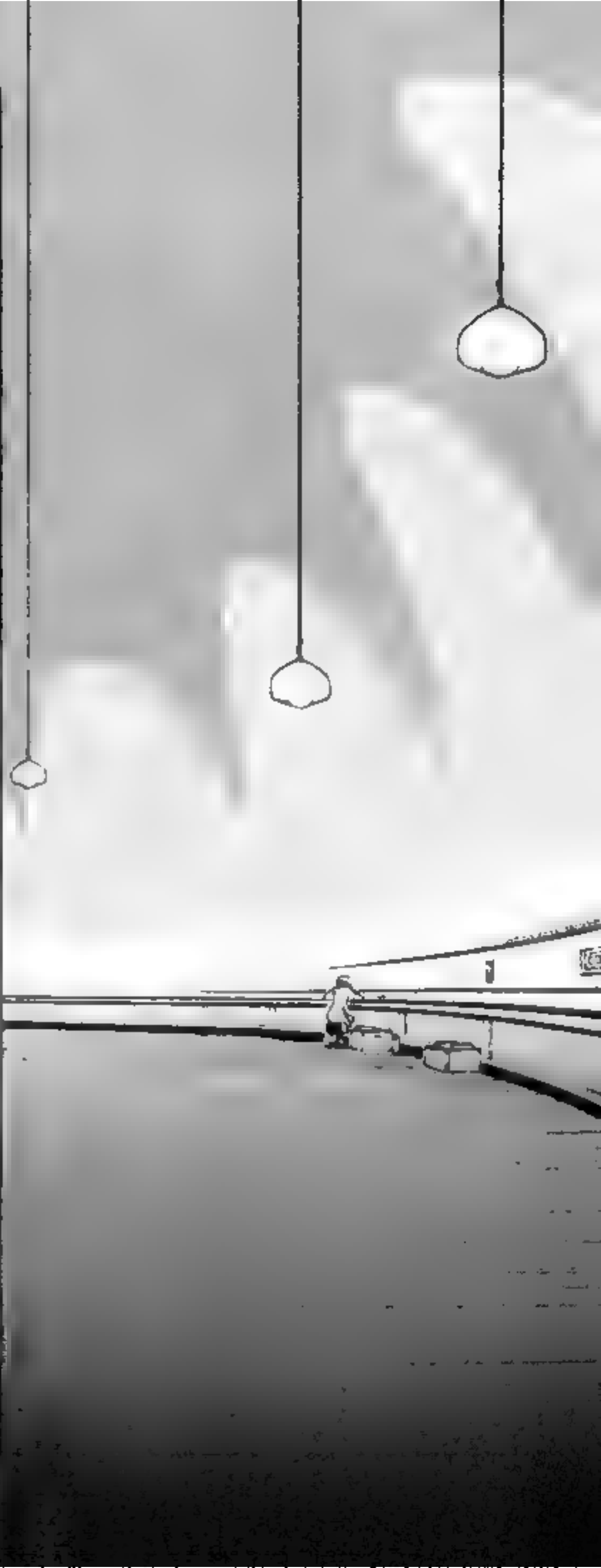


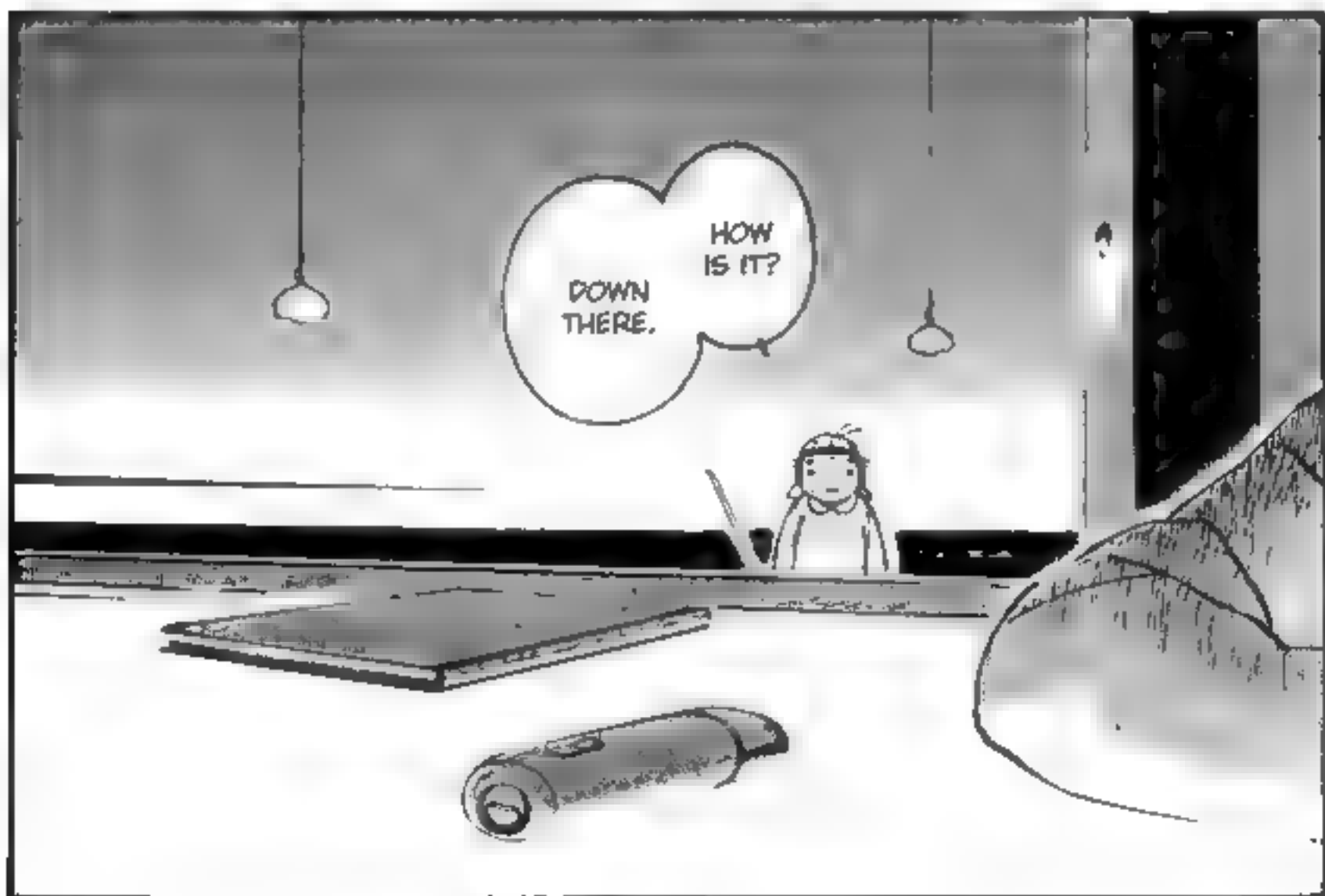
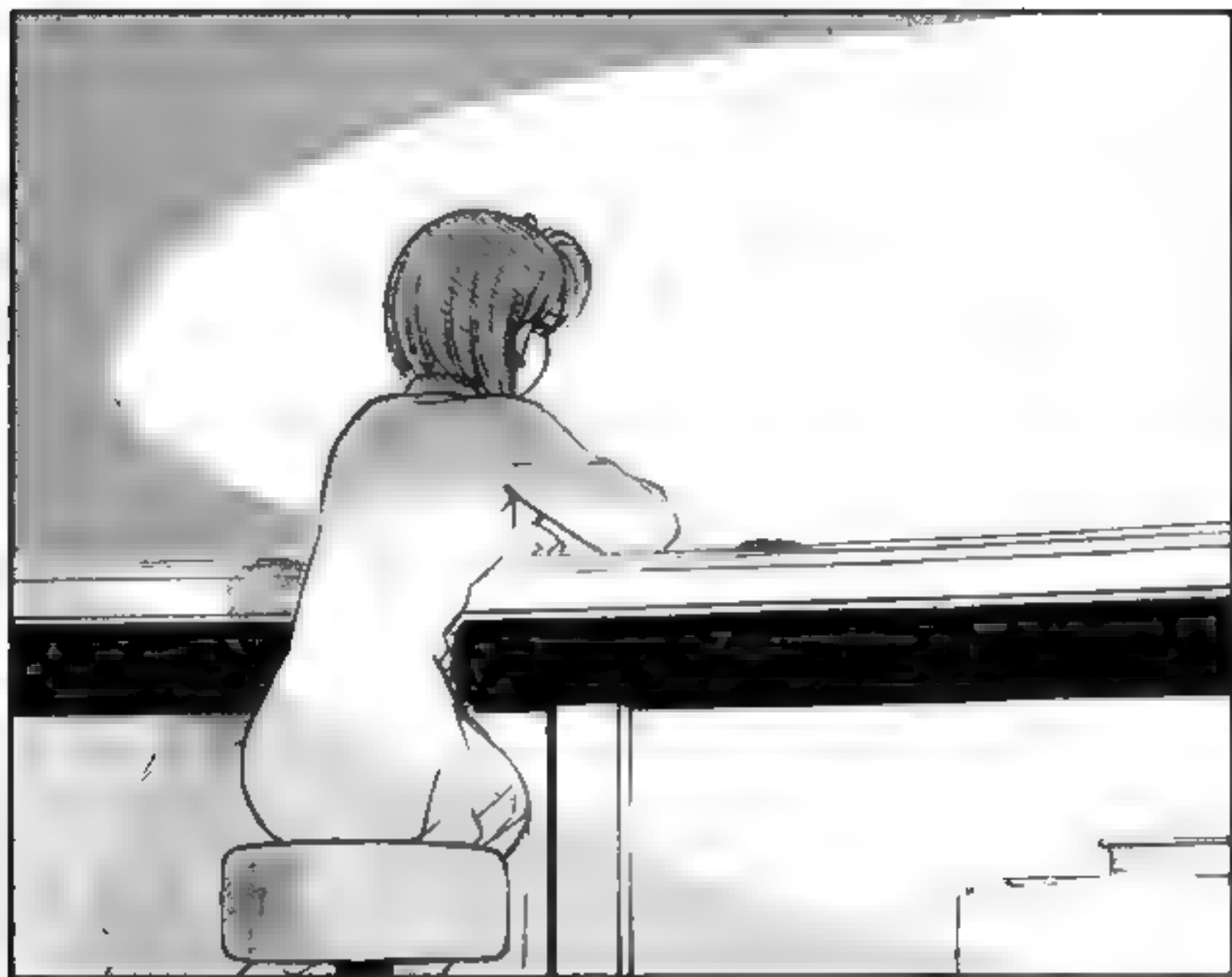




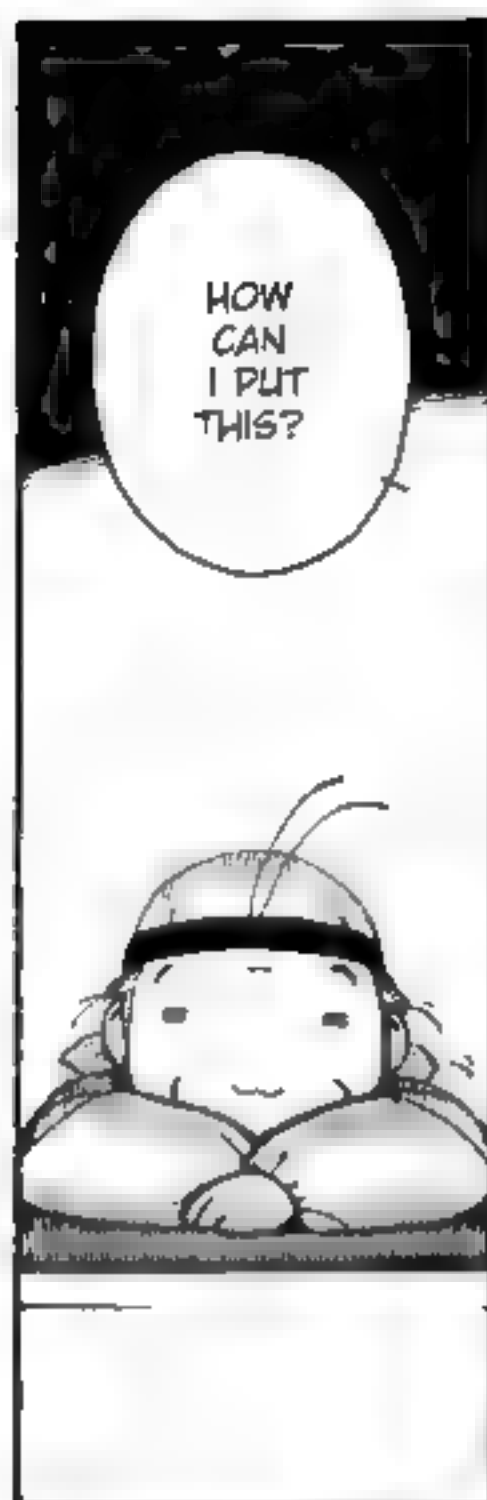




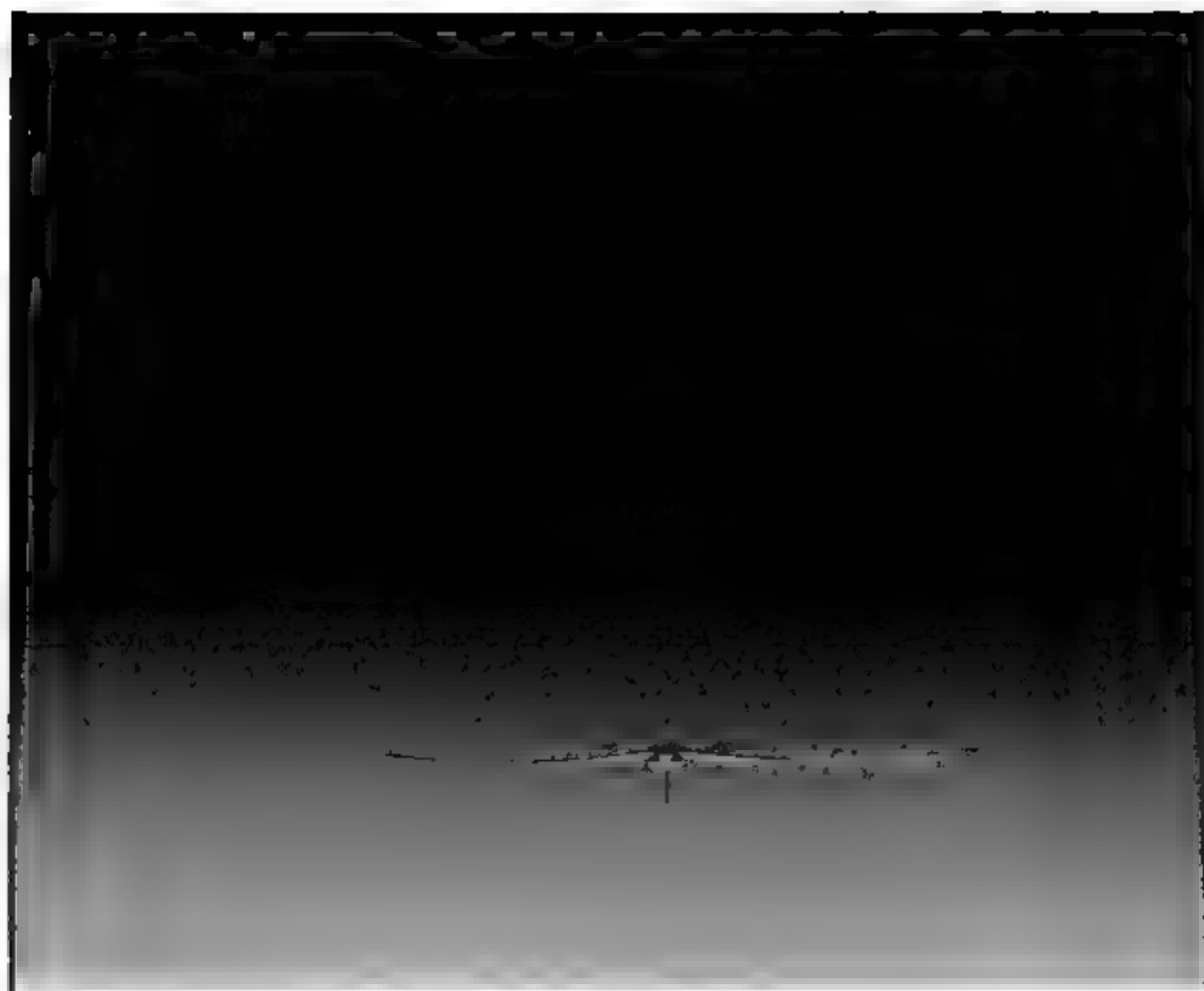








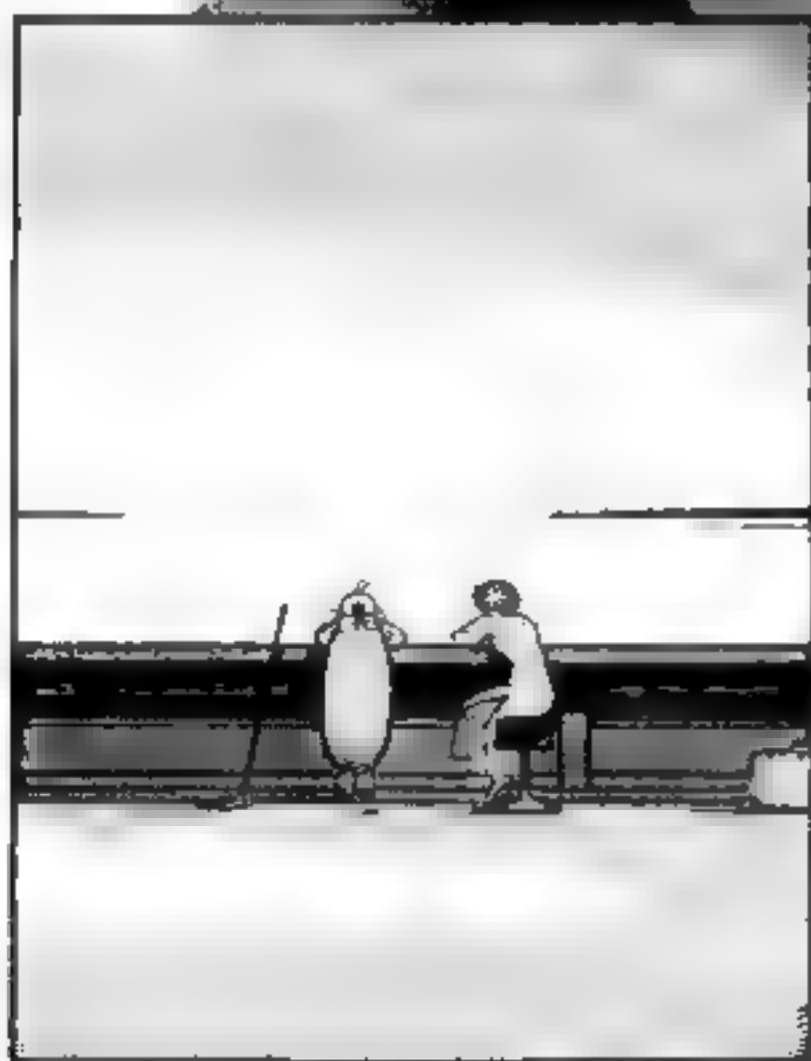






ARE
WE BEING
LEFT OUT?

...!
WONDER...



WHO
CAN
TELL?

WELL...



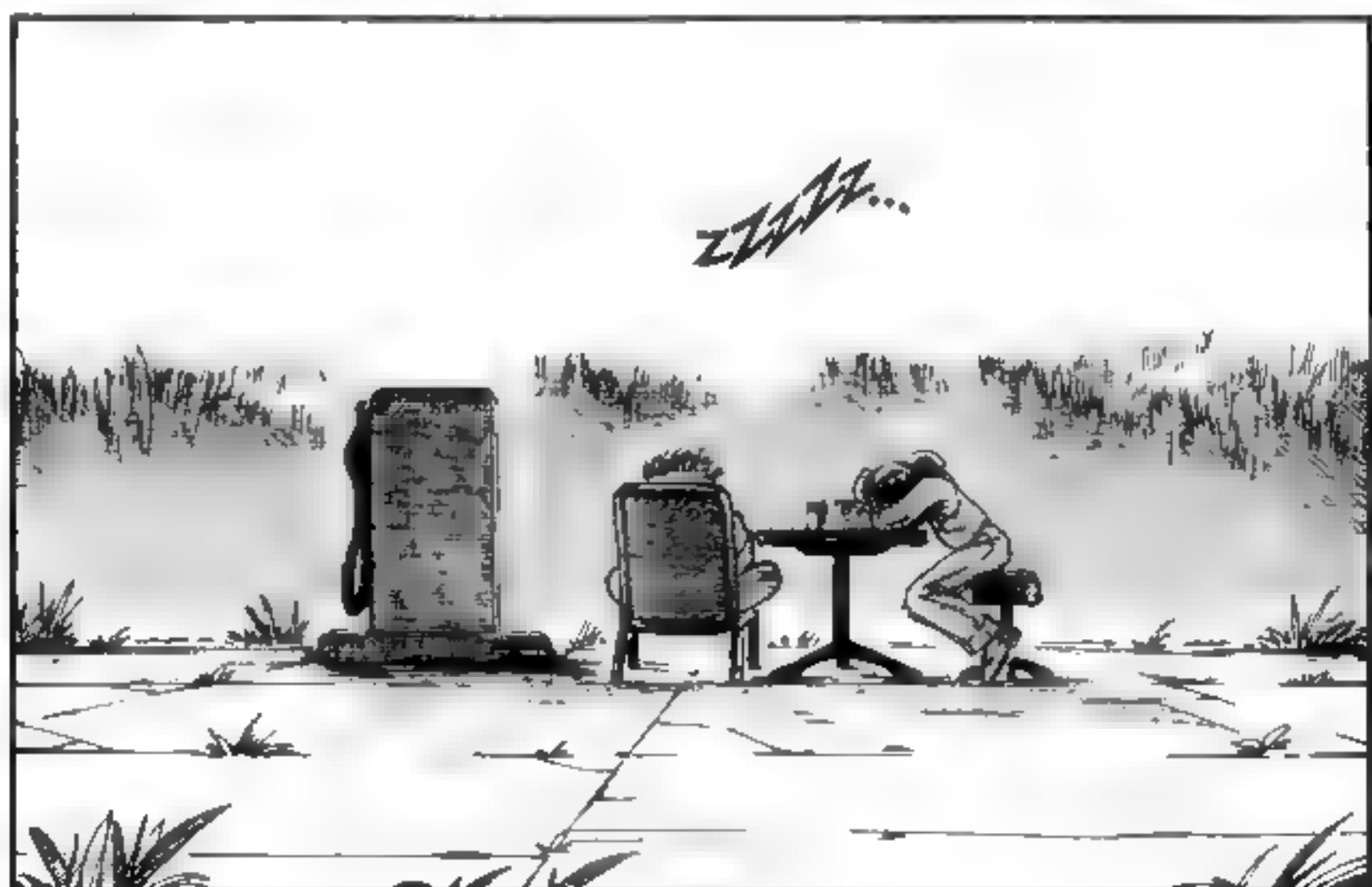


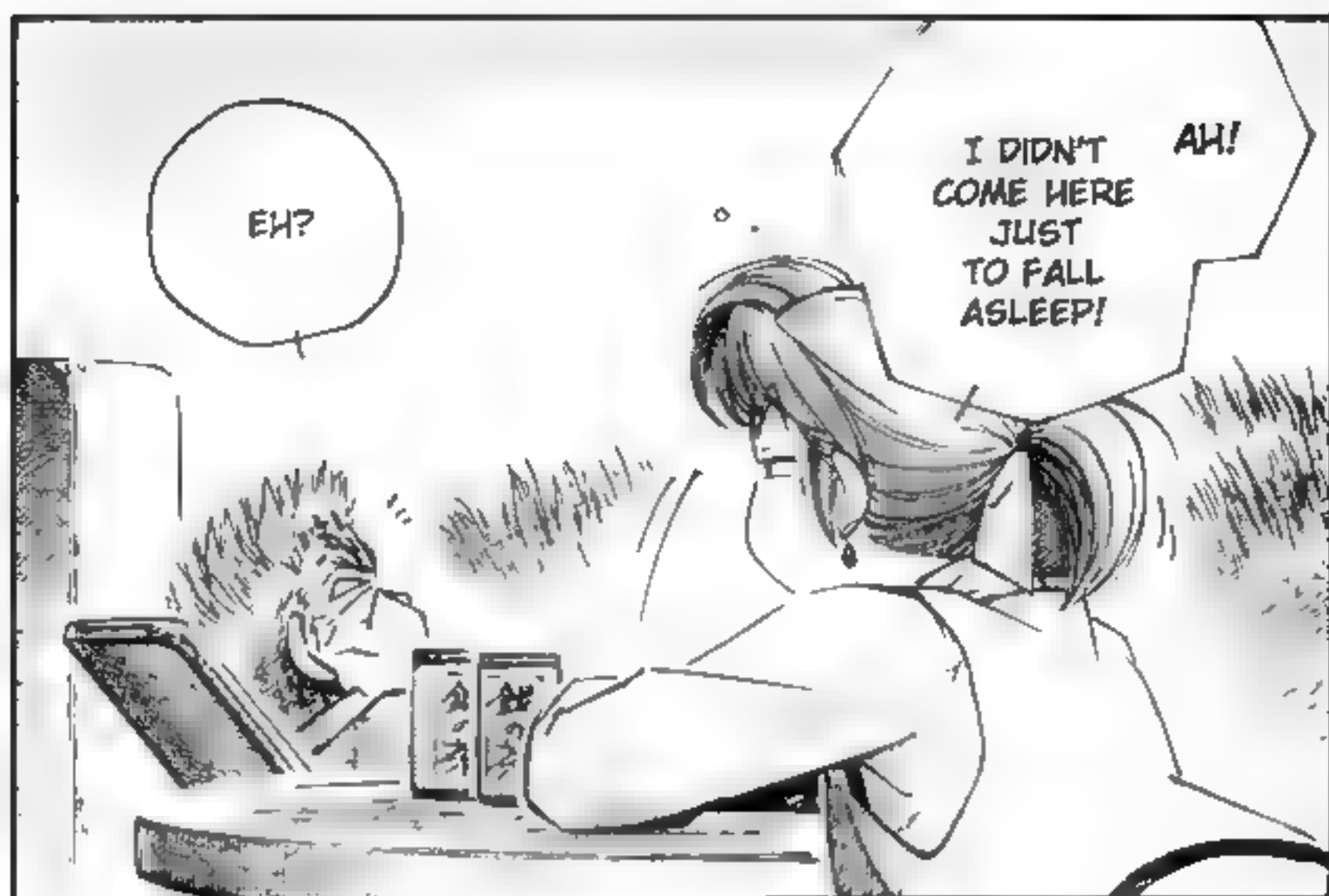
THE
SHINCHA
IS IN.
WILL YOU
TRY SOME?

WELL,
DIRECTOR
ALPHA.

AH,
YES.

I'LL
GO WITH
YOU.









Story 45 Everyone's Ships







HEY!

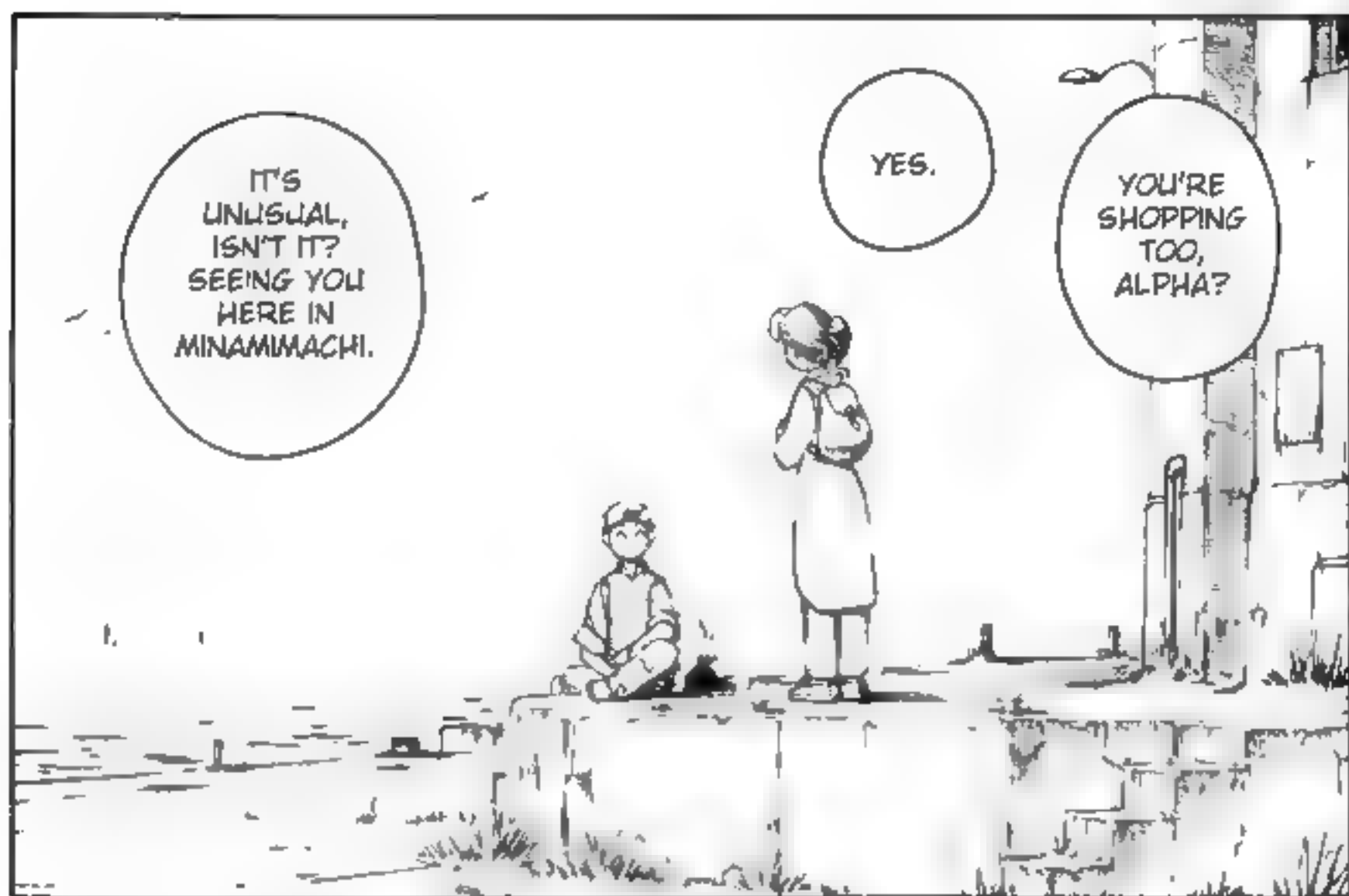
IT IS
YOU,
TAKAHIRO.

AH!
ALPHA!!

EH?

!!











SIGN (TOKORO TEN)











YOU AND
TAKAHIRO
ARE LIVING
IN THE SAME
AGE.

BUT I
ENVY YOU,
MAKKI.

HMMMM
...



BUT IN
THE FUTURE,
I DON'T KNOW
IF I WILL STILL
BE ABLE TO SAY
THAT I WAS A
PERSON OF THE
SAME ERA.

RIGHT
NOW,
I'M WITH
YOU.

?



I MAY
ONLY BE
WATCHING
FROM THE
SHORE.

YOU AND
TAKAHIRO...
YOUR TIME AND
YOUR BODIES
ARE RIDING IN
THE SAME
SHIP.

?









Story 46

Record





...
WANDERING
ABOUT
TOWN.

IF I CAN FIND A LIBRARY,
I'LL TAKE A LOOK INSIDE.

GENERALLY, I'M LOOKING FOR
BOOKS ABOUT ROBOTS.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF BOOKS WHICH
COLLECT DATA ON ALPHA-TYPE ROBOTS.

BUT I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND ANYTHING LIKE
"STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHA SERIES"...

I STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

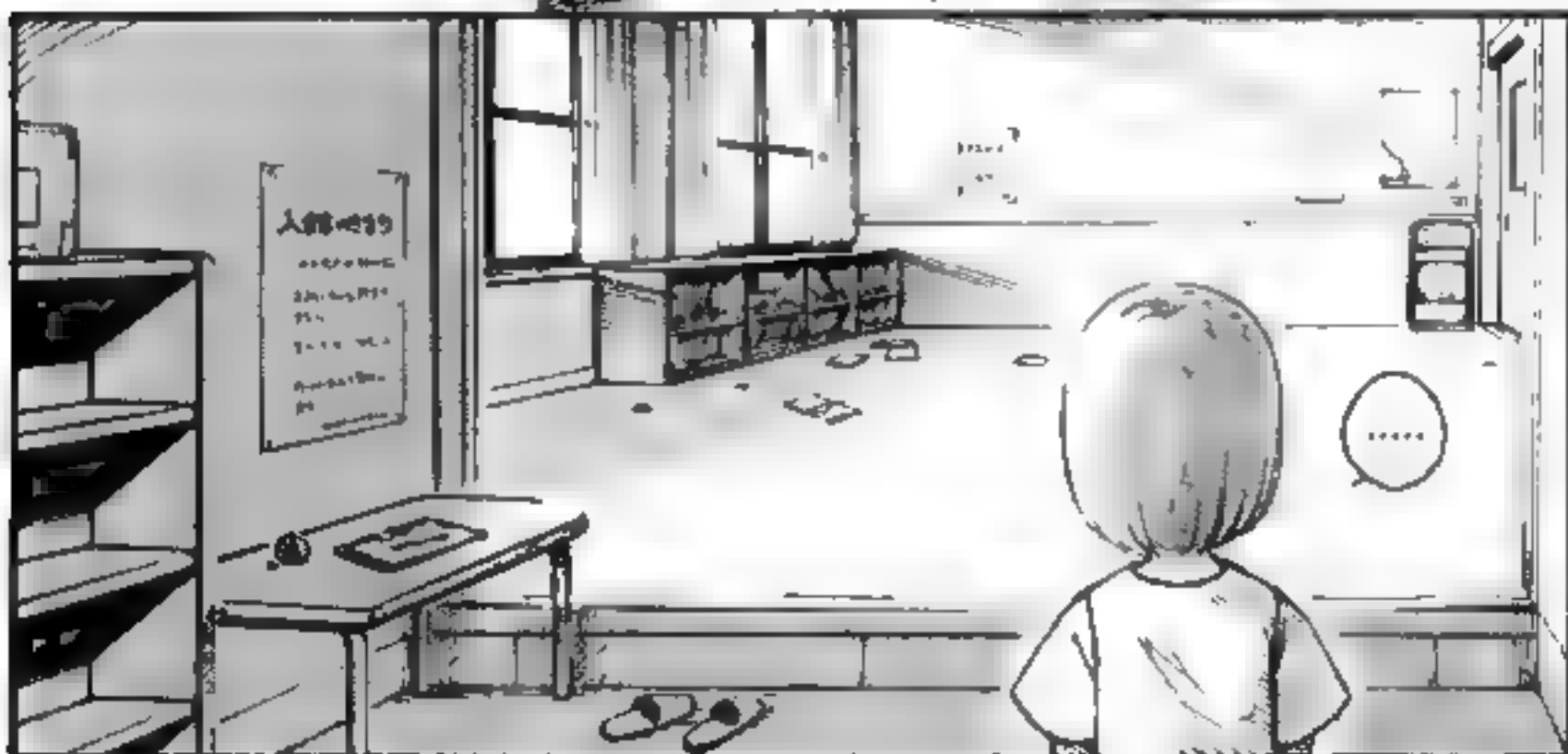
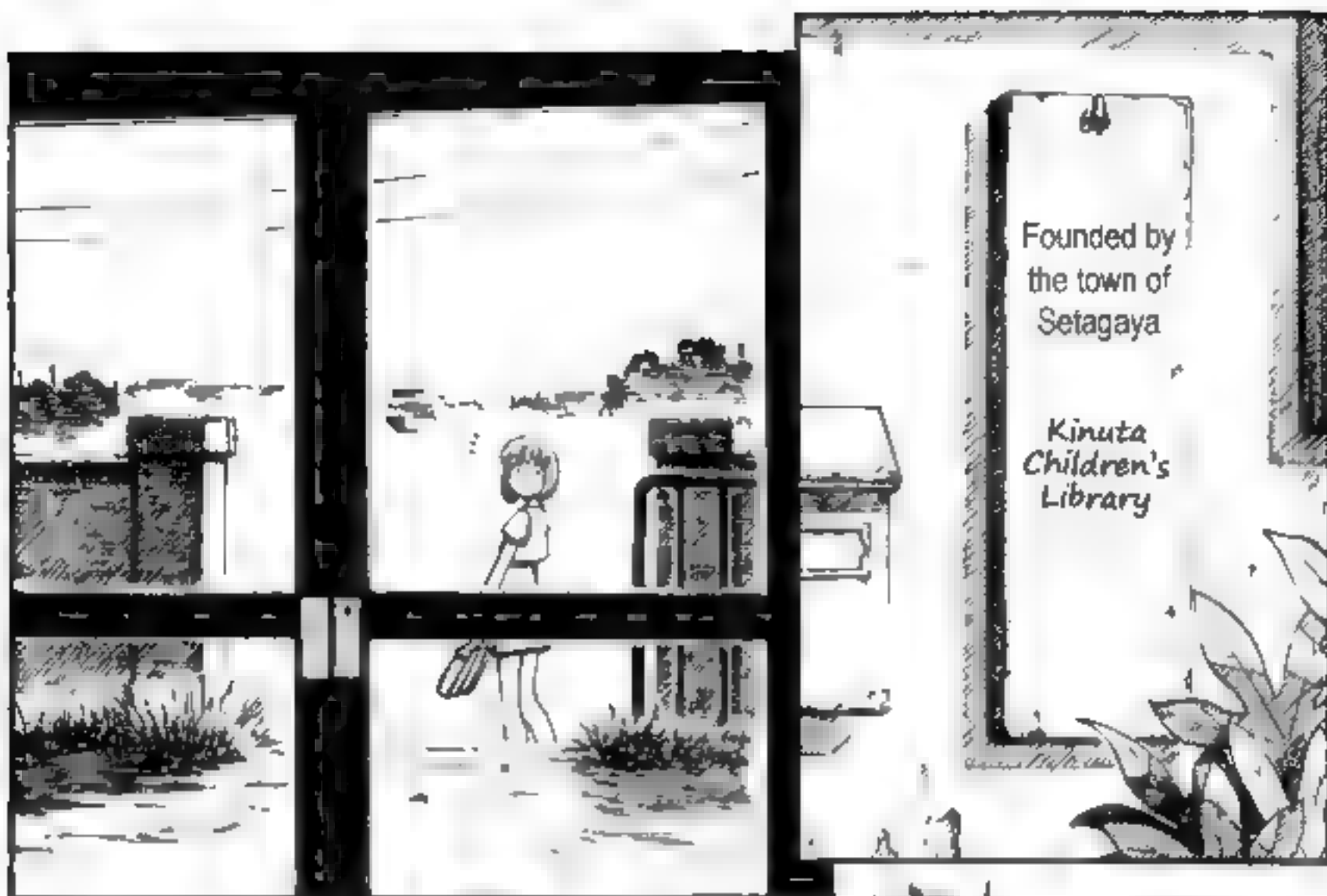


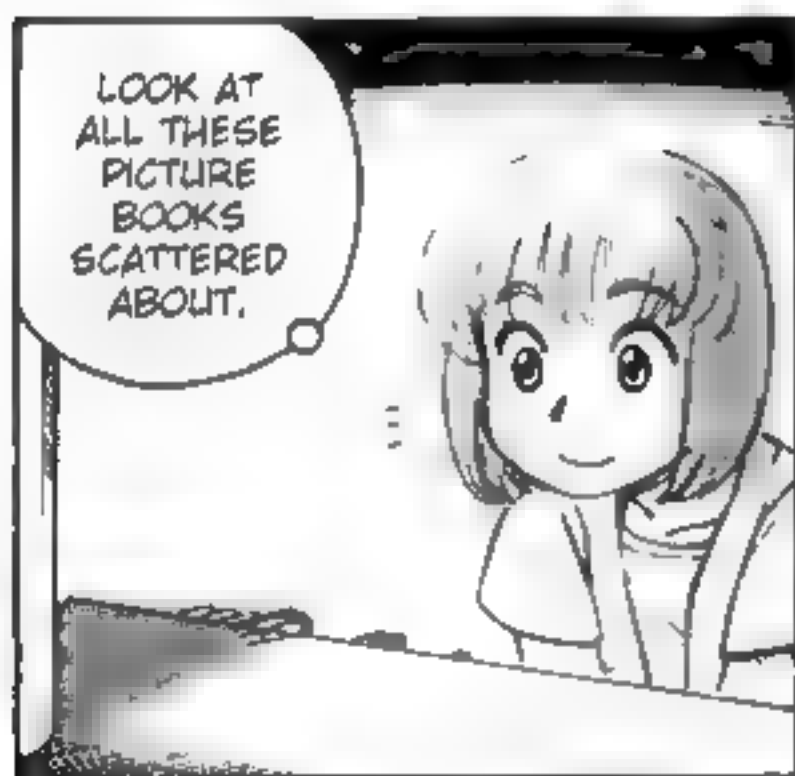
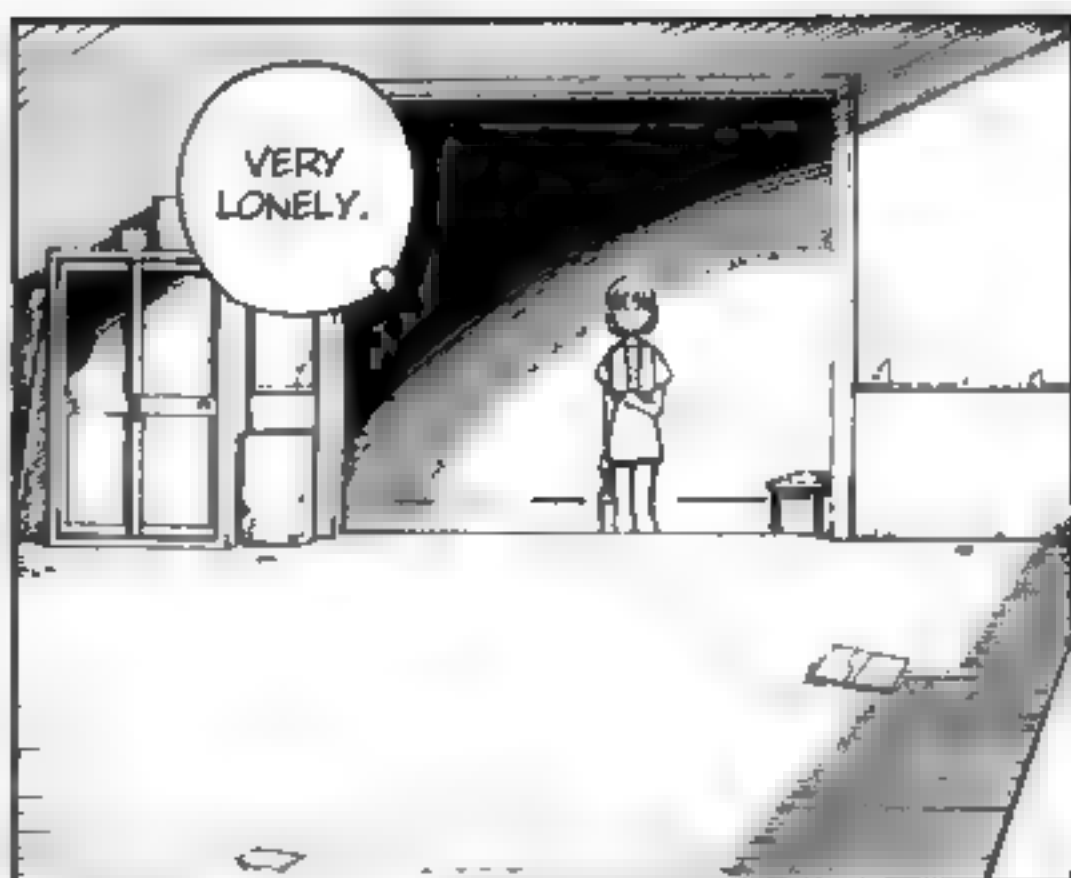
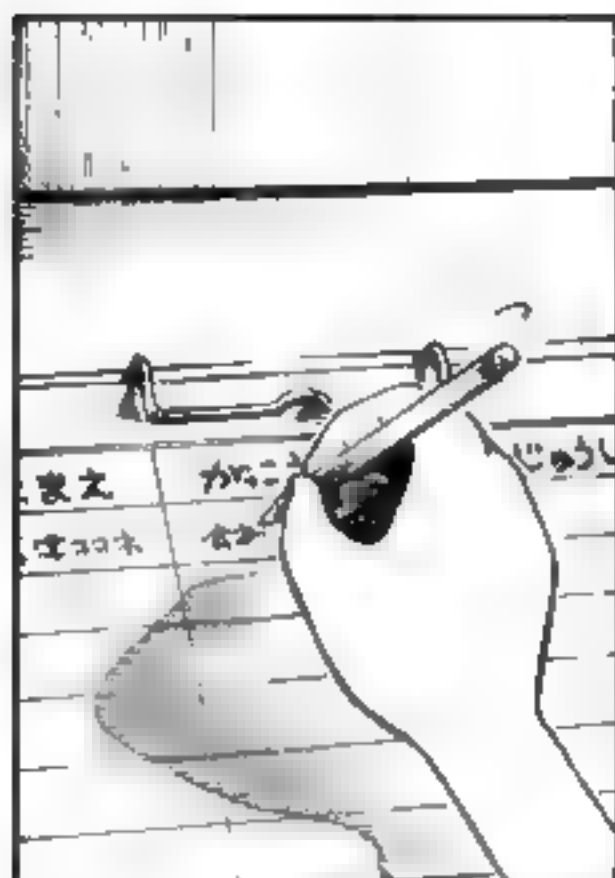
AND SO,
AS FOR THIS...

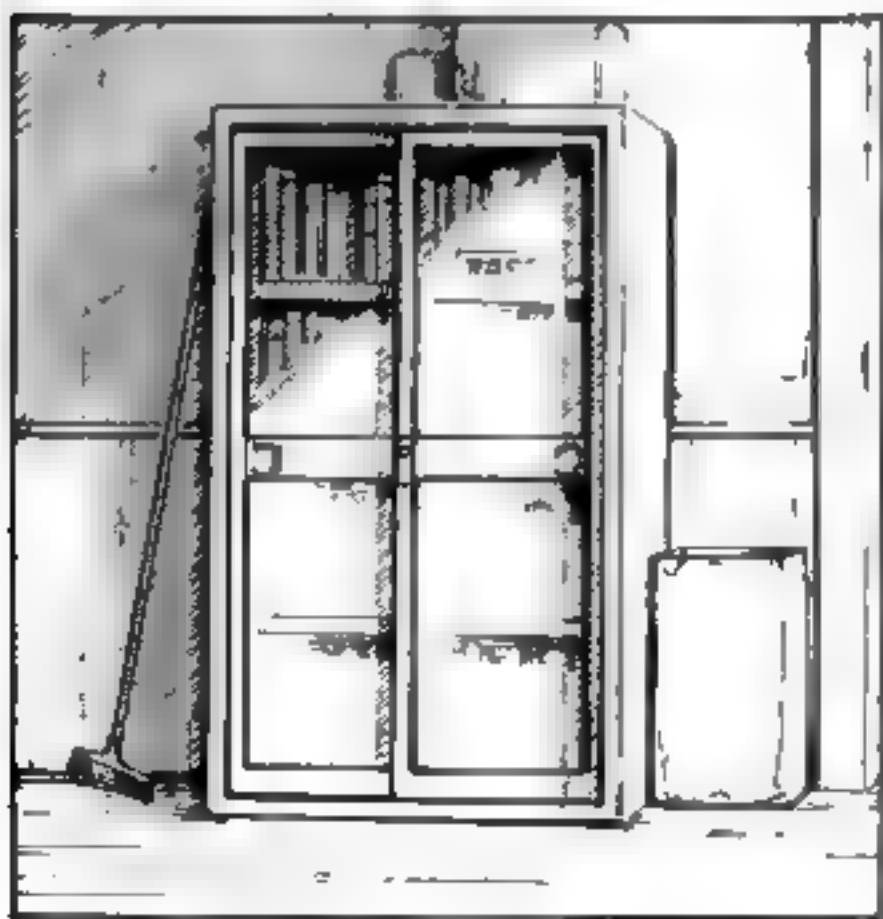
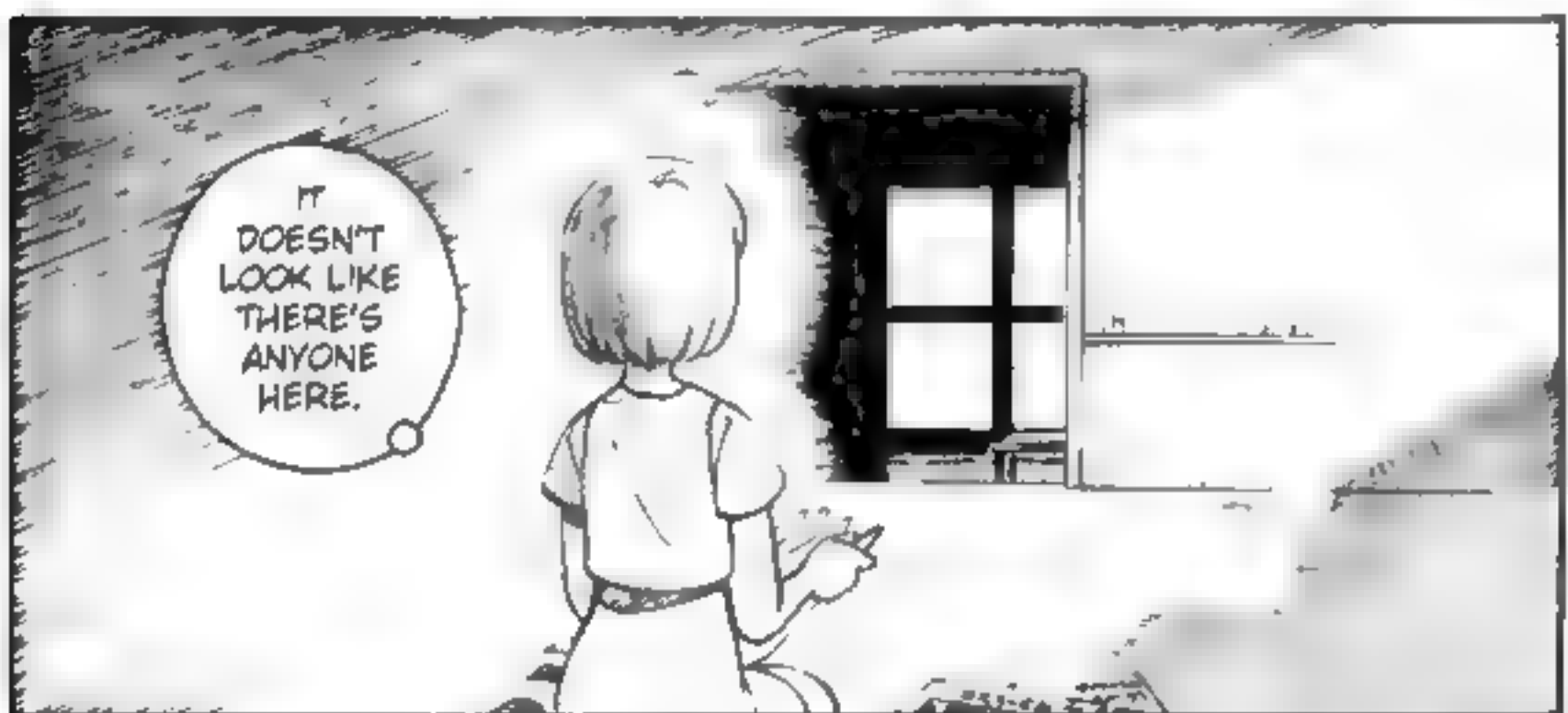
In memory of
Type Alpha

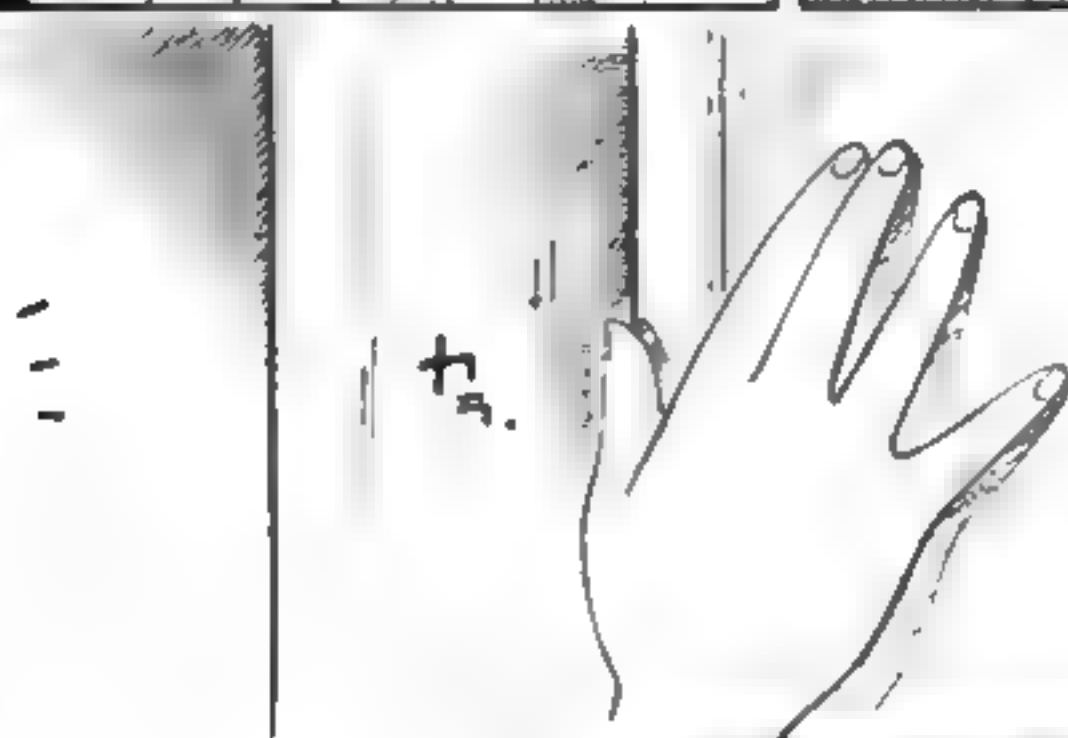
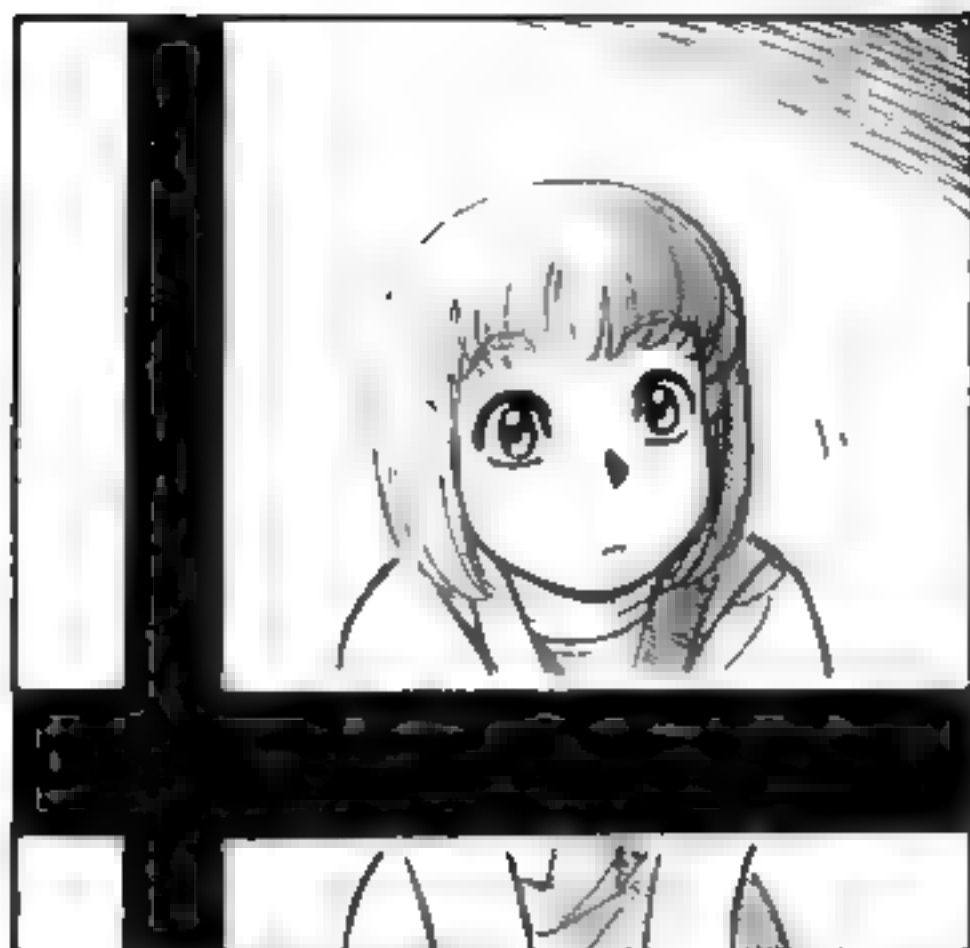
BEFORE
THE A-7
HOWEVER,
THERE IS
NOTHING
AT ALL.

EVEN SO,
THERE'S
QUITE
A BIT ON
THE A-7
SERIES.



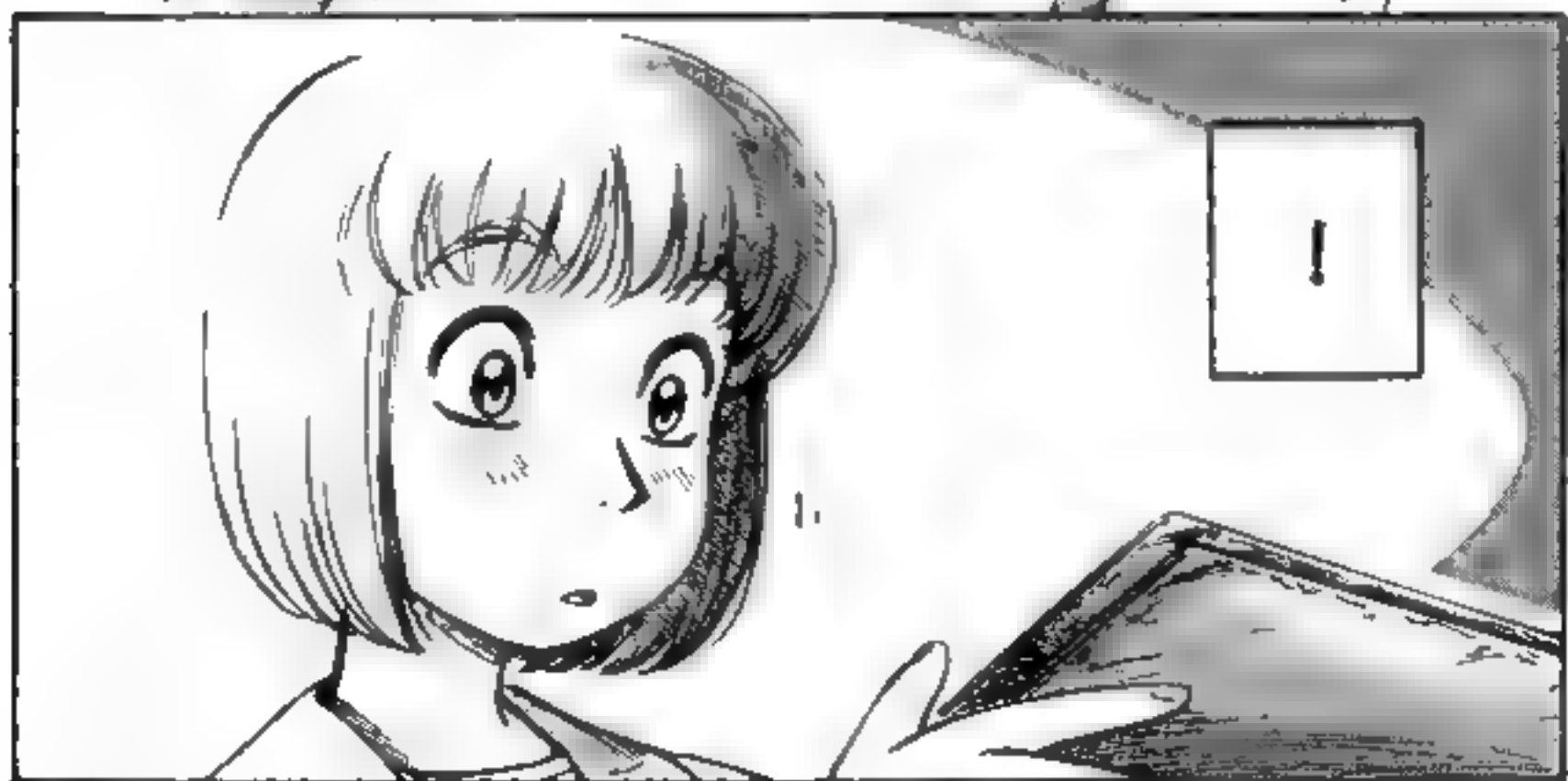
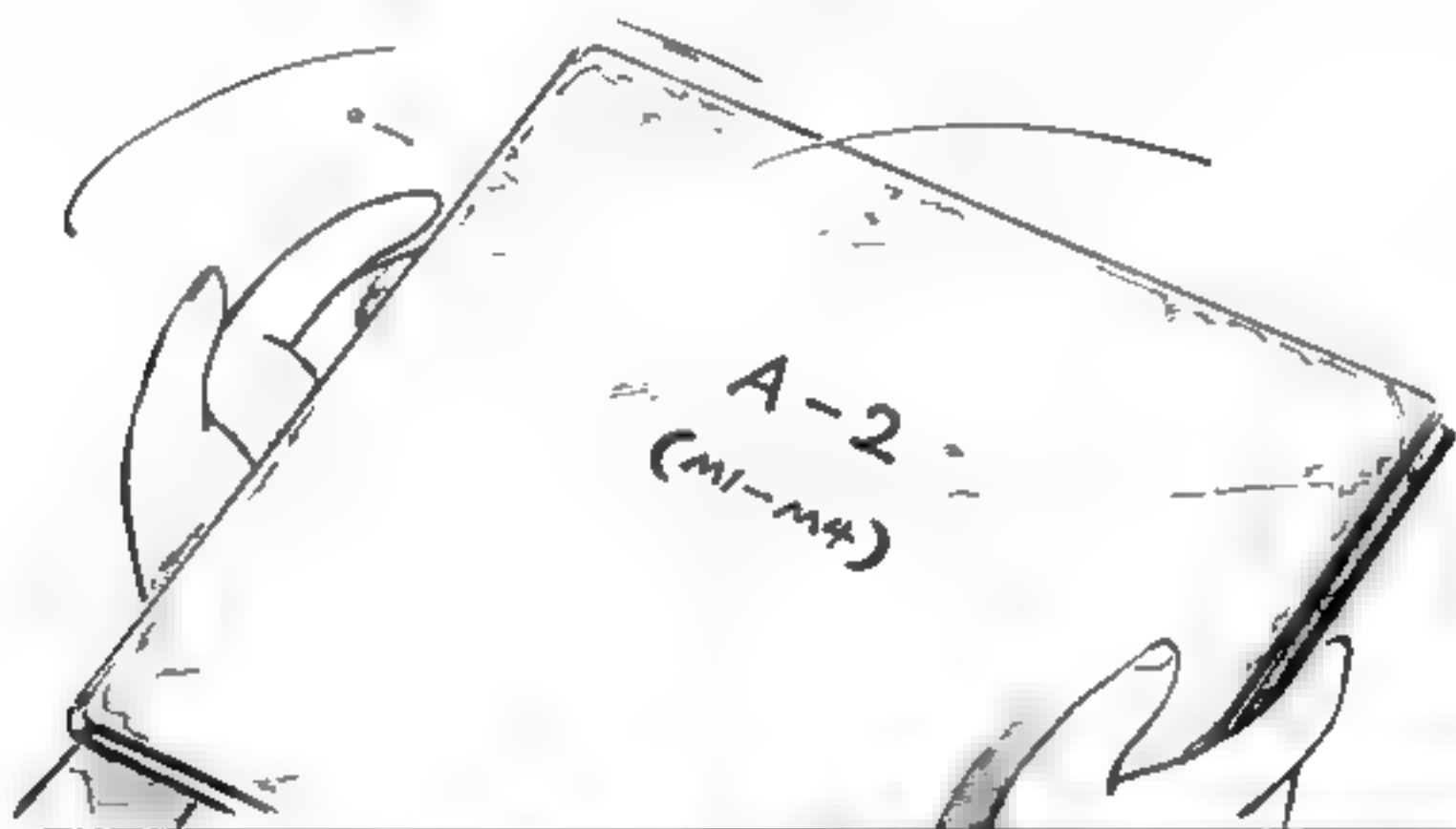






THEY
HAVE
THE SAME
BOOKS
HERE,
TOO.







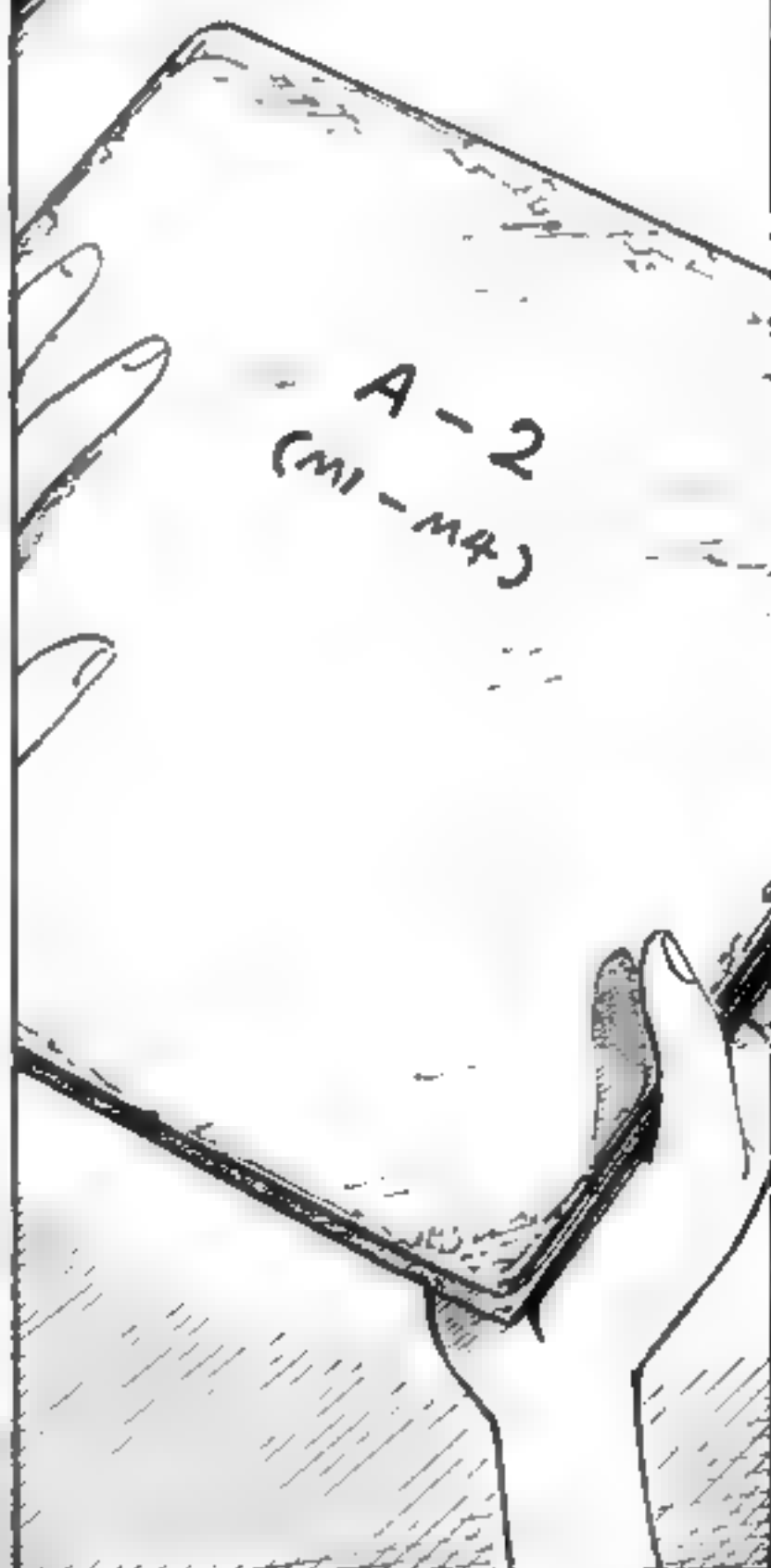
Story 47 ~ Record II



INSIDE
ARE TWO
ANCIENT
RECORDS.



"A-2" IS
WRITTEN
ON THIS OLD
CARDBOARD
RECORD
JACKET.





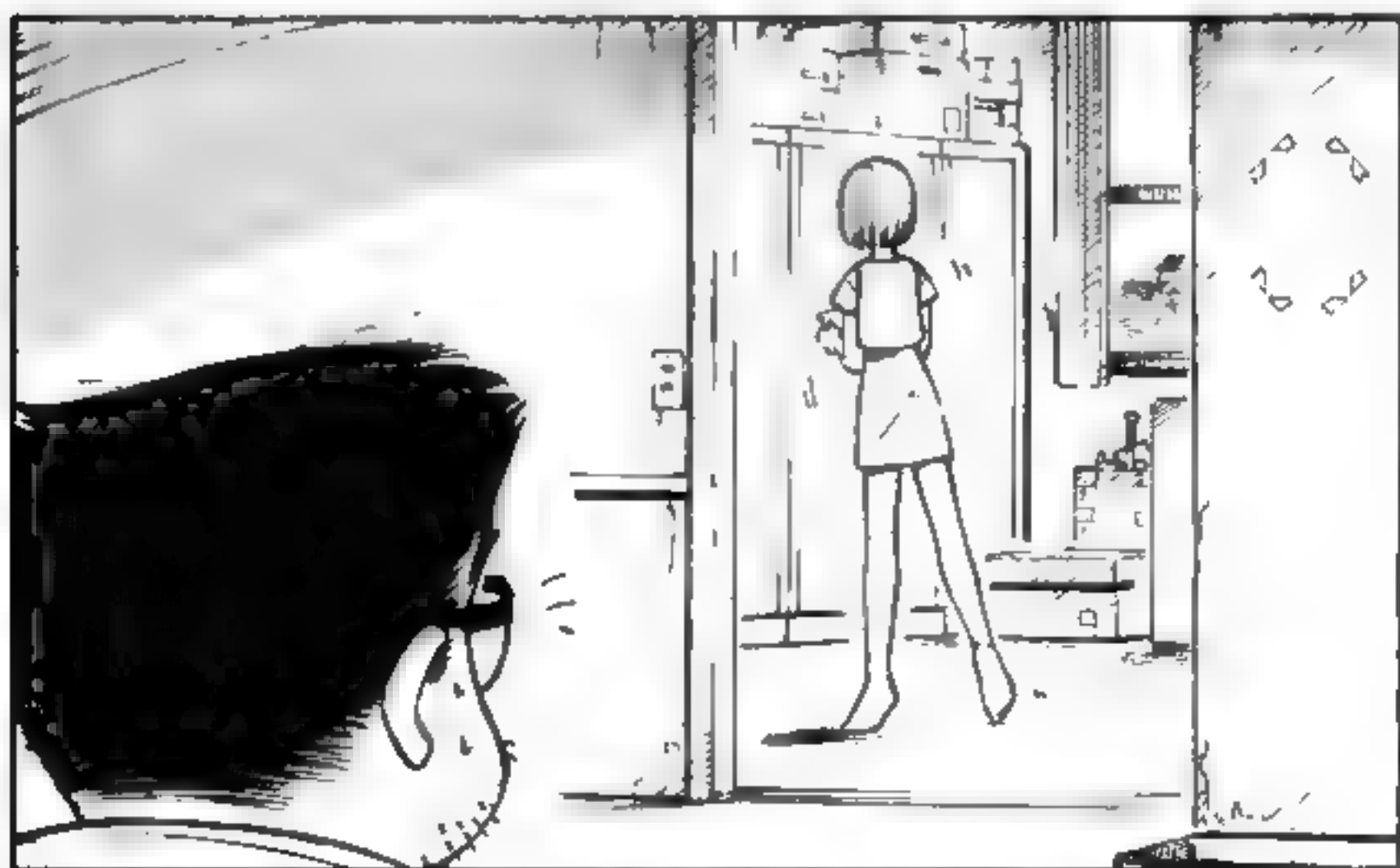
THERE IS NO
DESCRIPTION
OF THE
RECORDING
ON THE
JACKET.

TO MY EYES,
IT SEEMS LIKE
SOMETHING
PRODUCED
INDEPENDENTLY
WITH NO
THOUGHT
FOR SALE.



THE RECORD SIDES ARE
LABELLED FROM "M-1"
TO "M-4."

THESE MARKINGS UNFOLD
UNPROMPTED WITHIN
MY IMAGINATION.



EH? AH...
I GUESS
YOU COULD
SAY
THAT...

A- ARE
YOU THE
MANAGER?

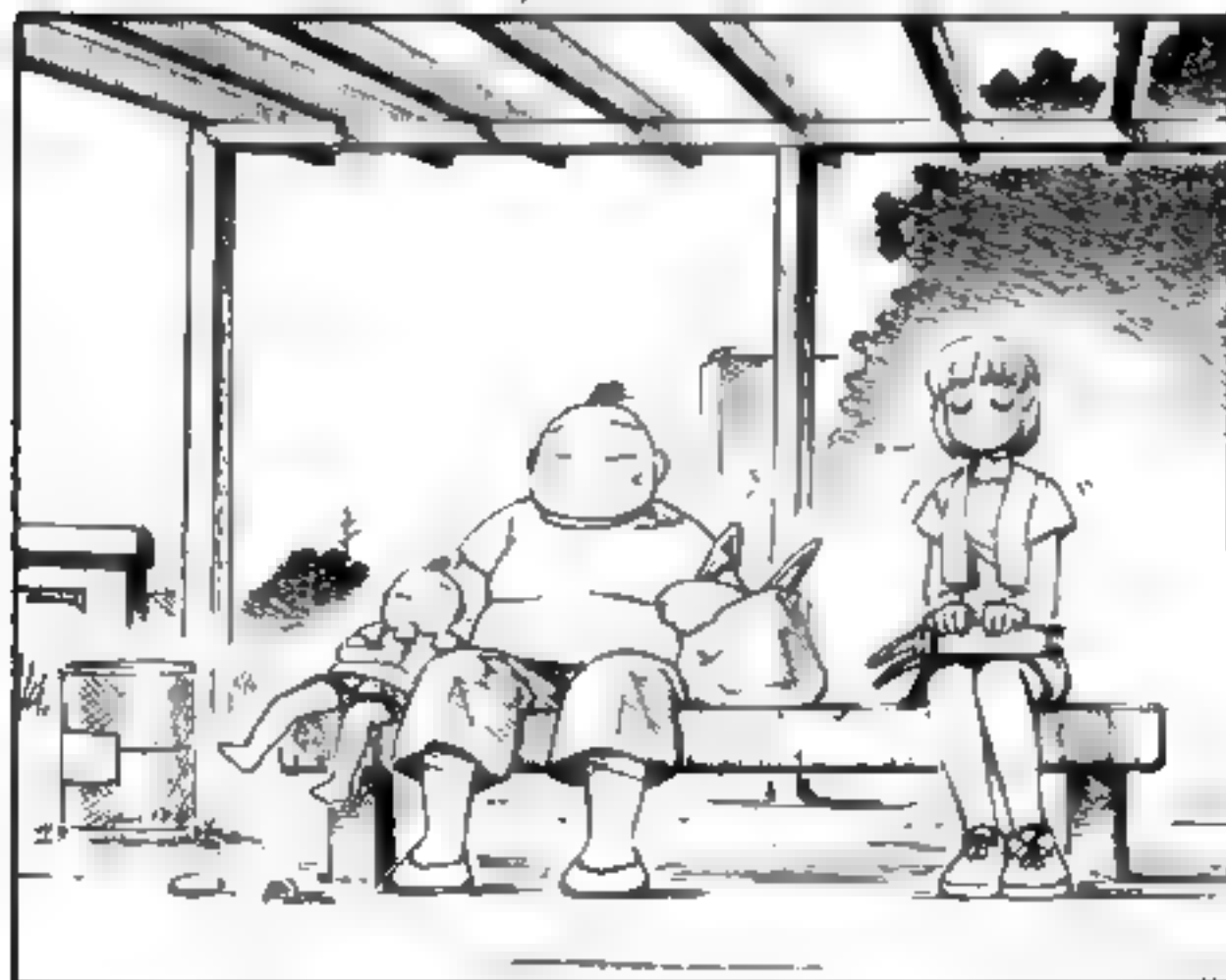
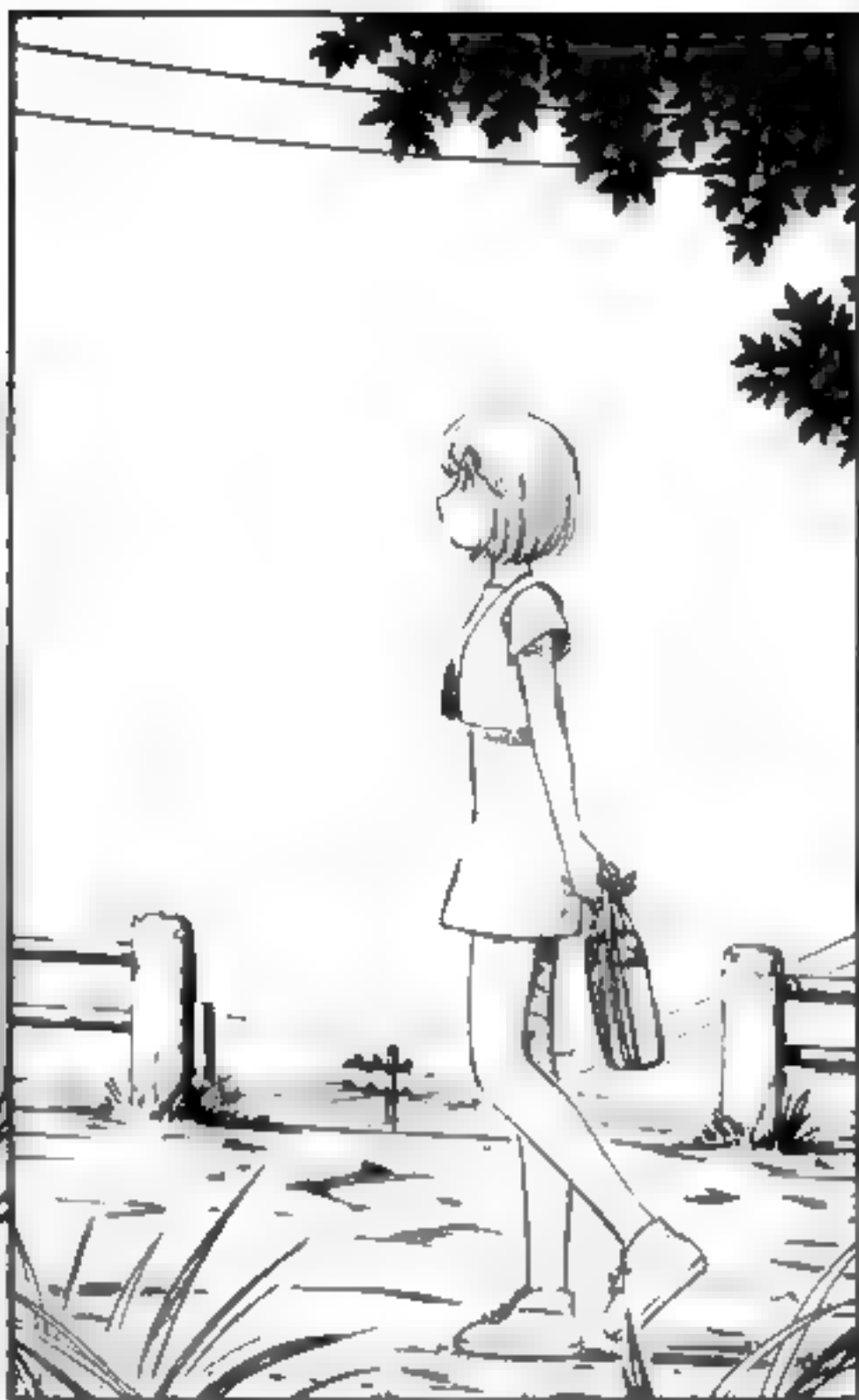








I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT...



I FEEL THAT
THERE IS A
CONNECTION
BETWEEN
THE A-2
ON THAT
RECORD
AND MY
OWN A-7.

POSSIBLY...

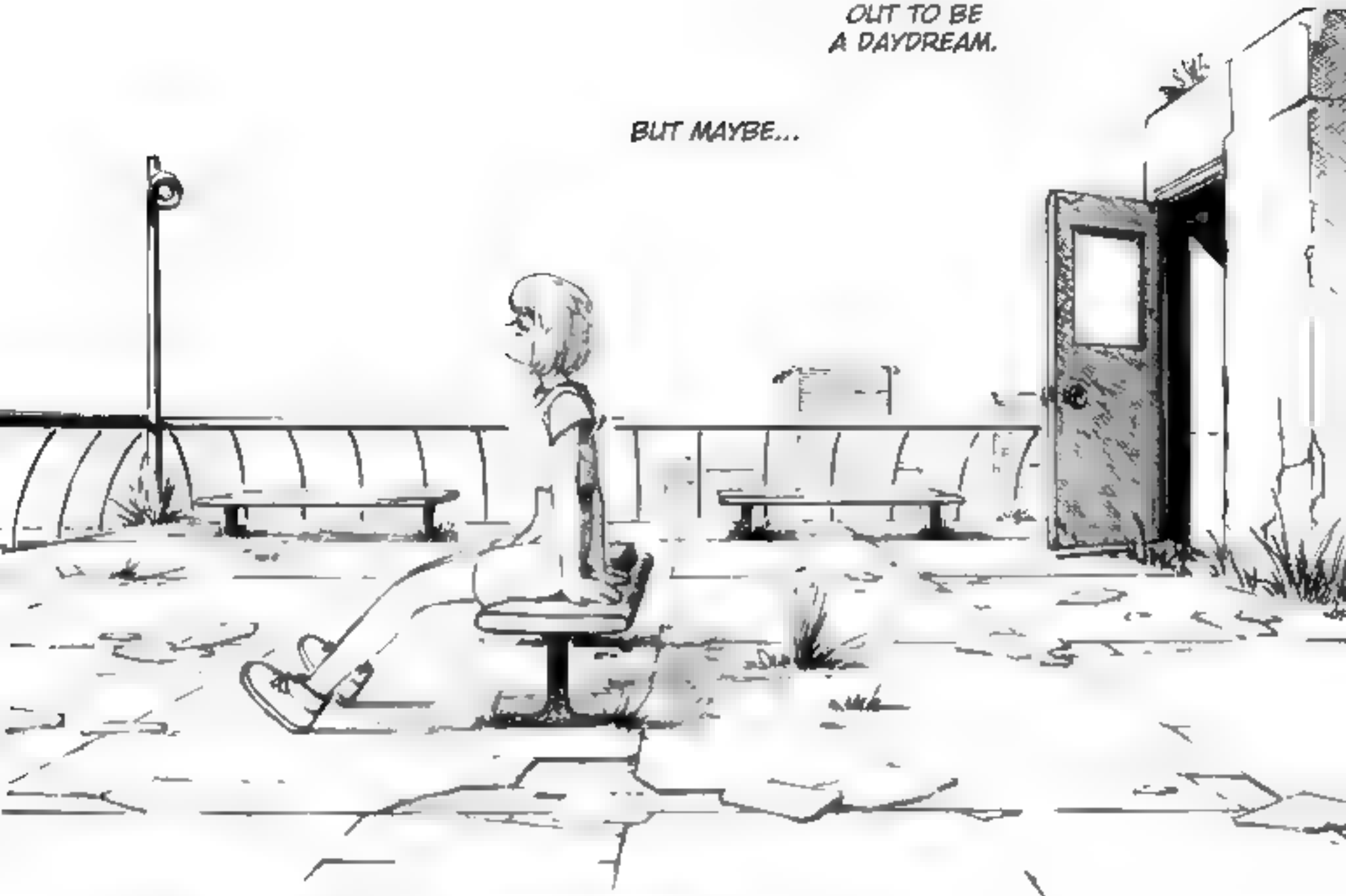
"A-SOMETHING"
ISN'T JUST USED
FOR ROBOTS.

FOR EXAMPLE,
MUSIC...



IT MAY TURN
OUT TO BE
A DAYDREAM.

BUT MAYBE...



THERE IS A SOUND
THAT FLOWS WITHIN
MY OWN BLOOD.

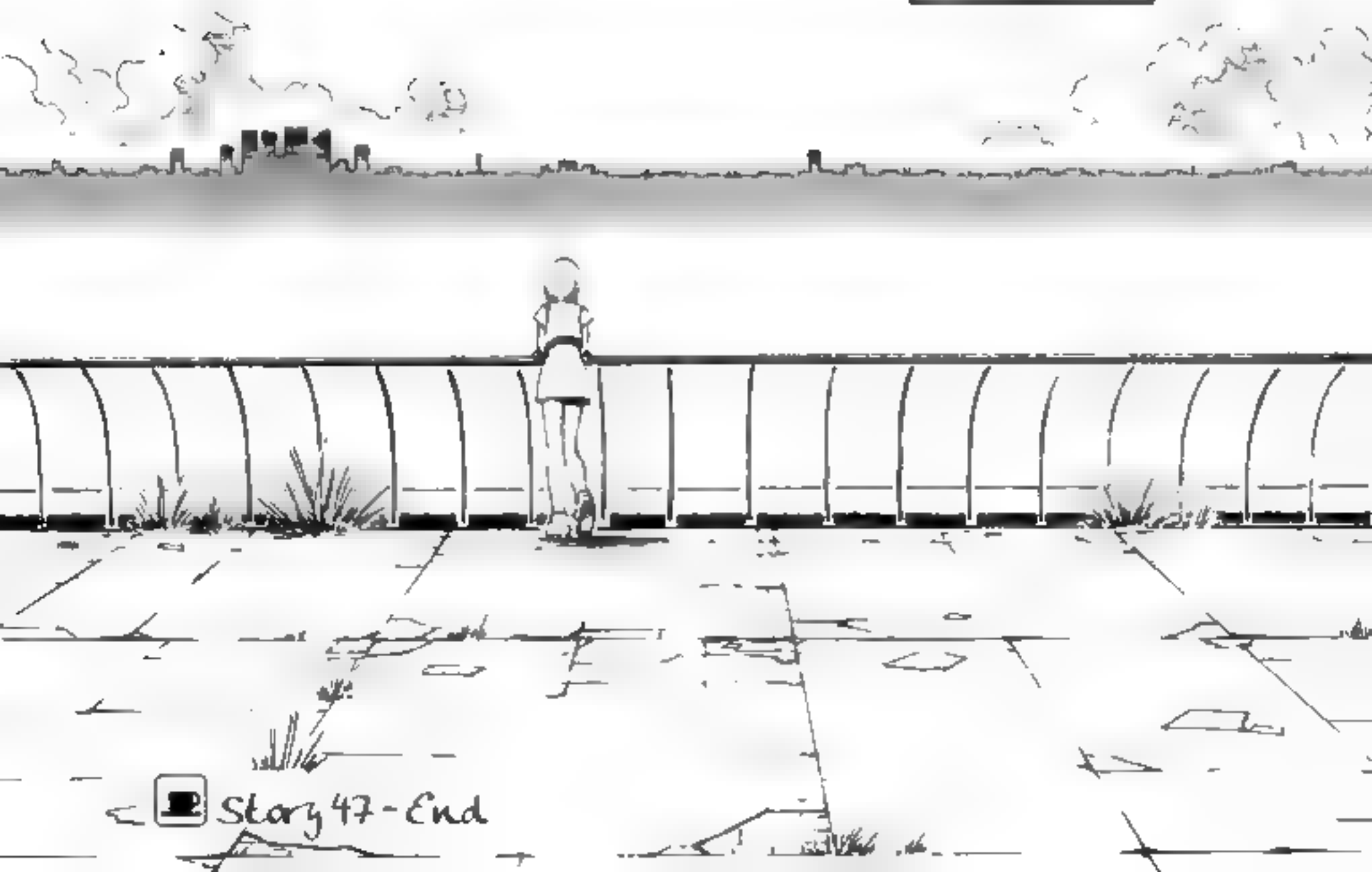






UNTIL
THE DAY
I DO
UNDER-
STAND.

I'LL LEAVE
THESE
THINGS
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
WITH THIS
ANSWER.



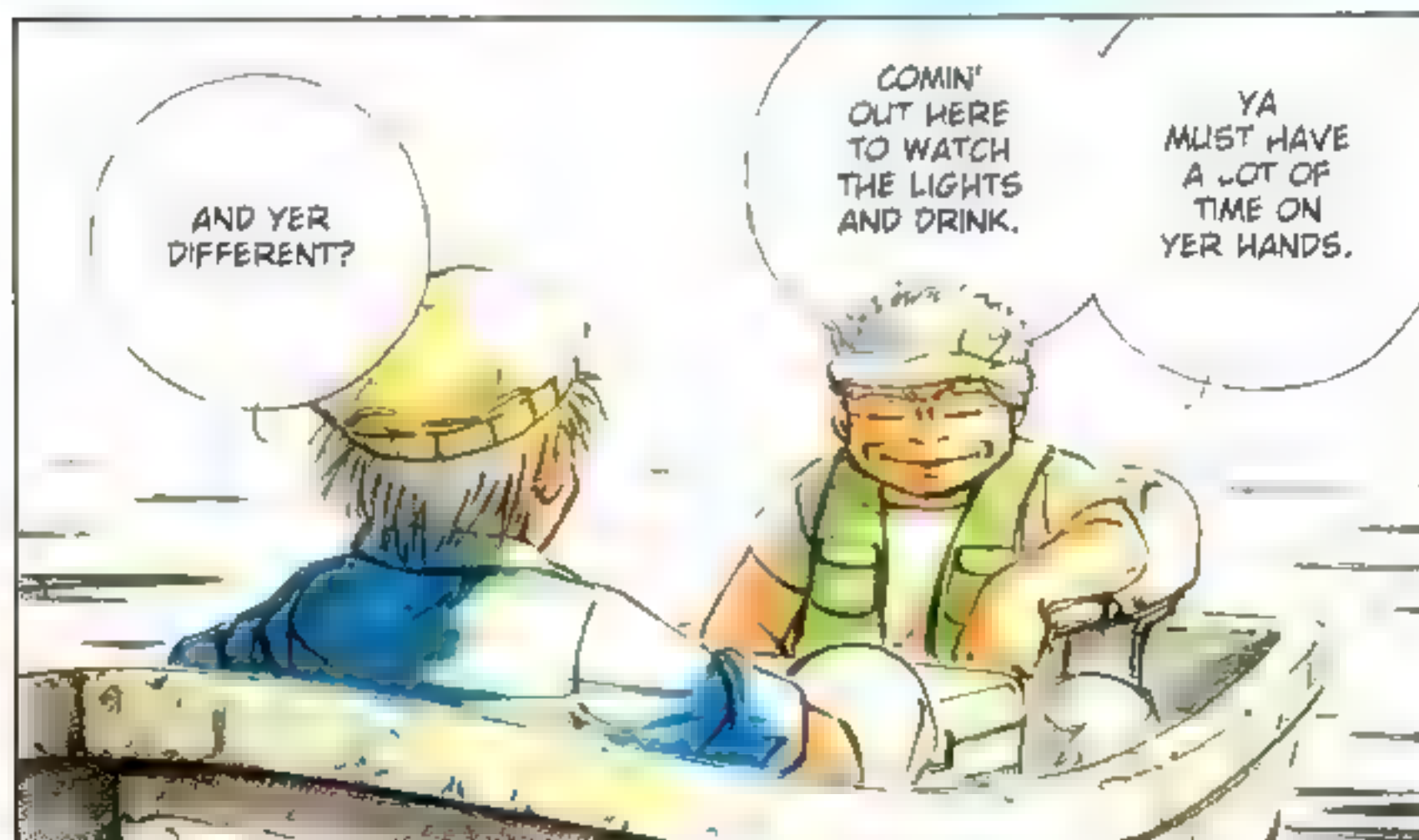
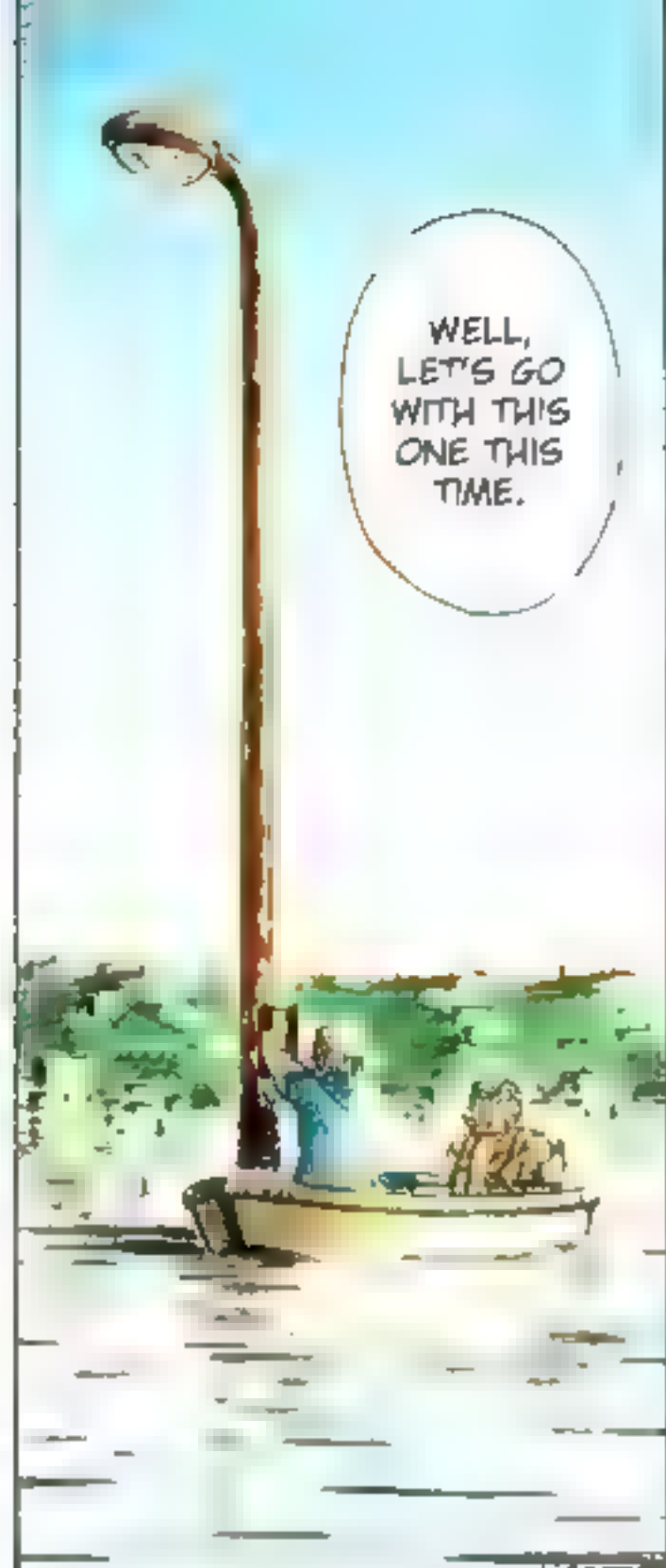
Story 47 - End

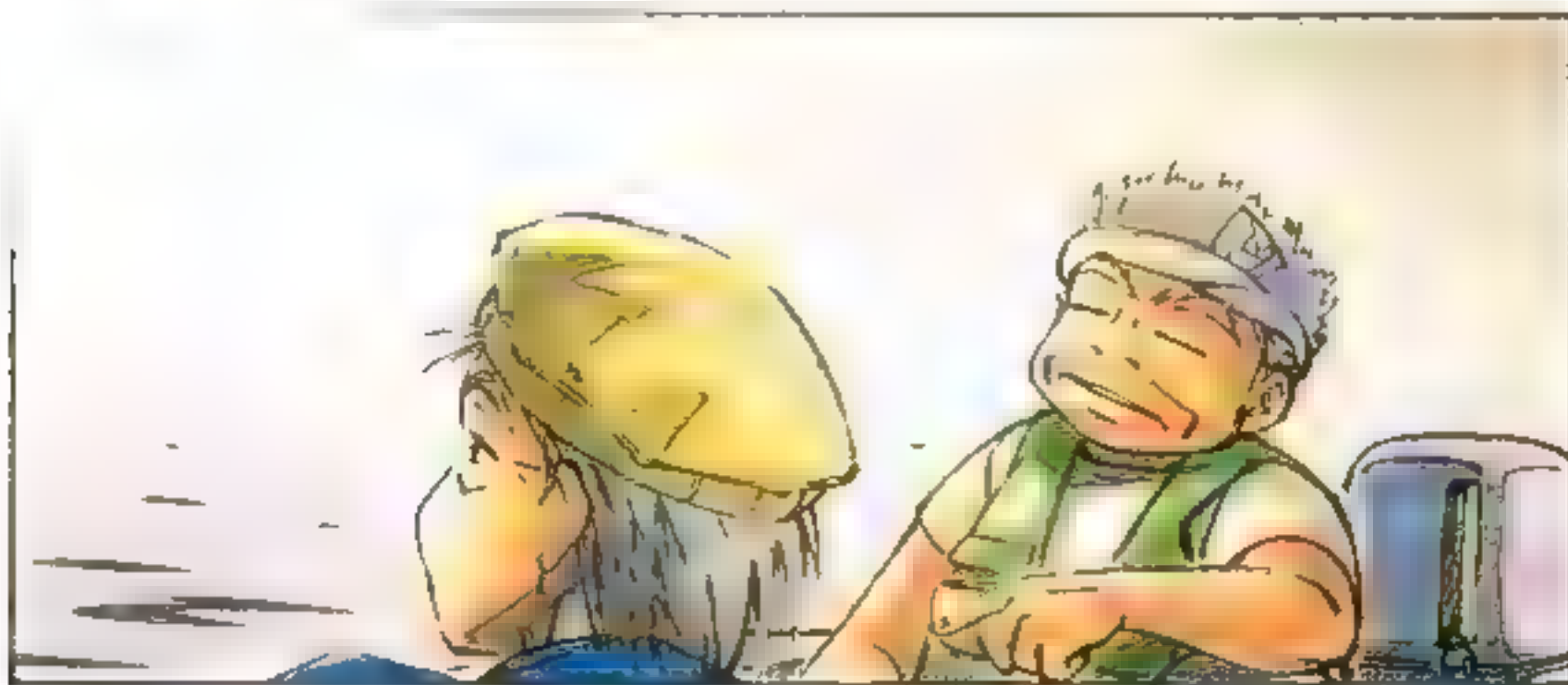
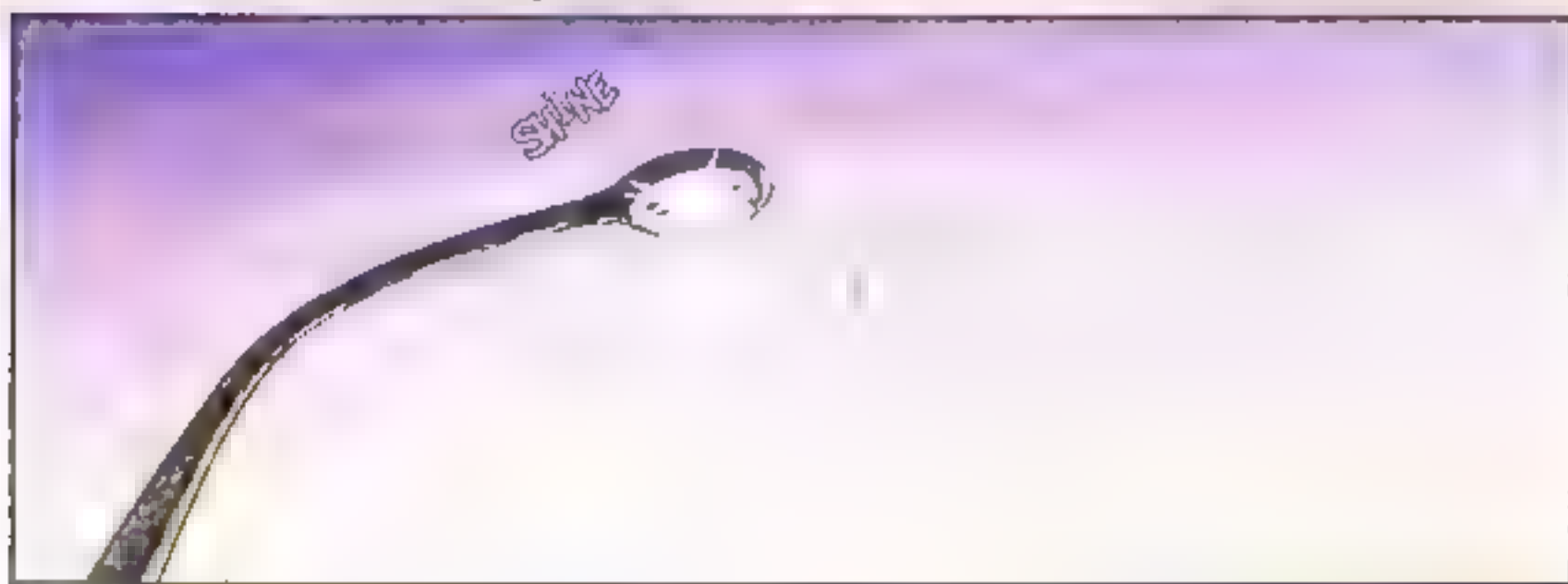
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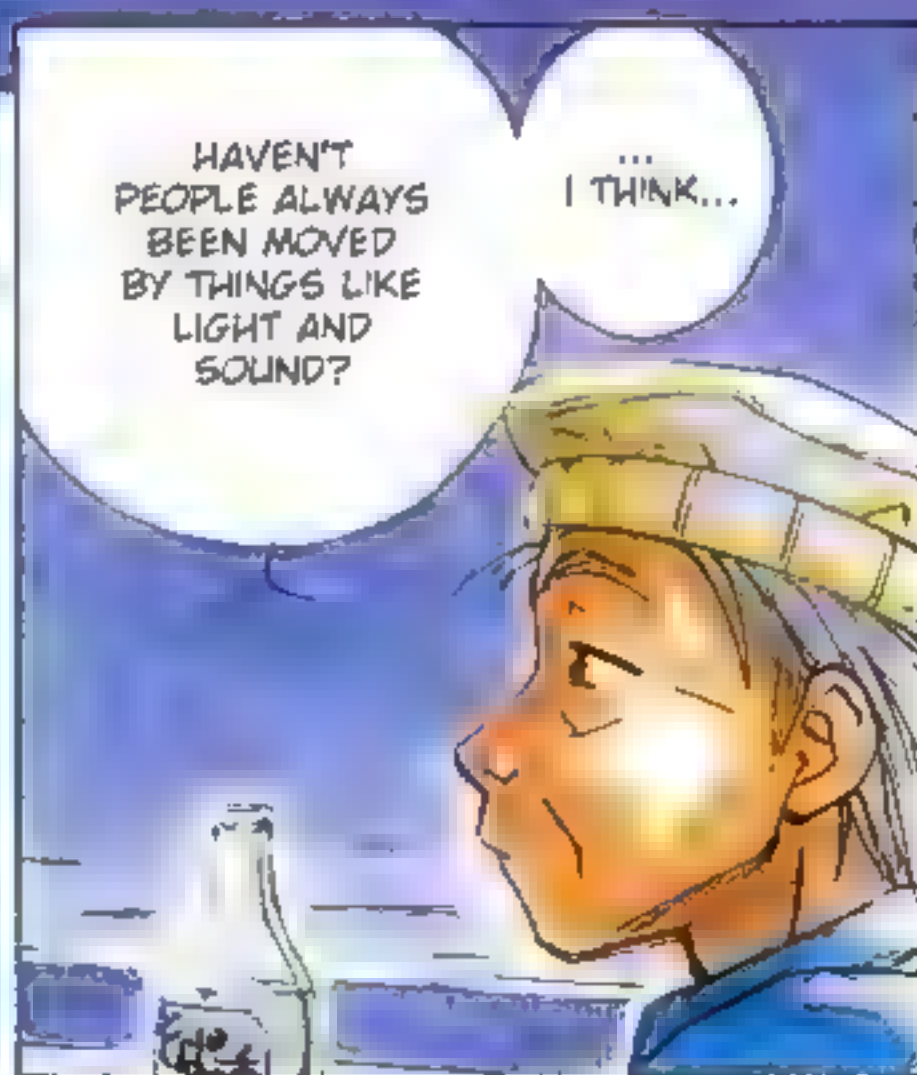




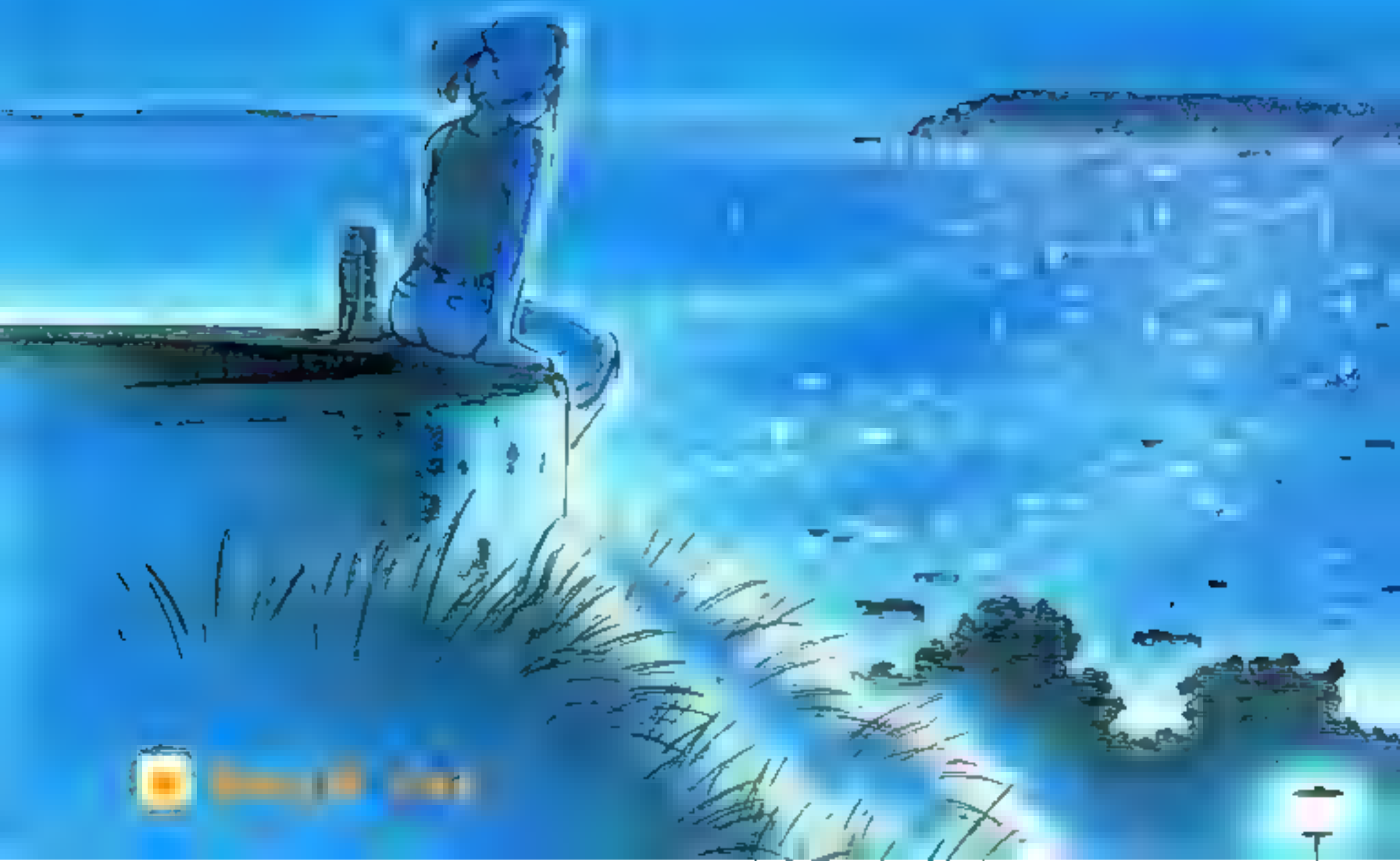
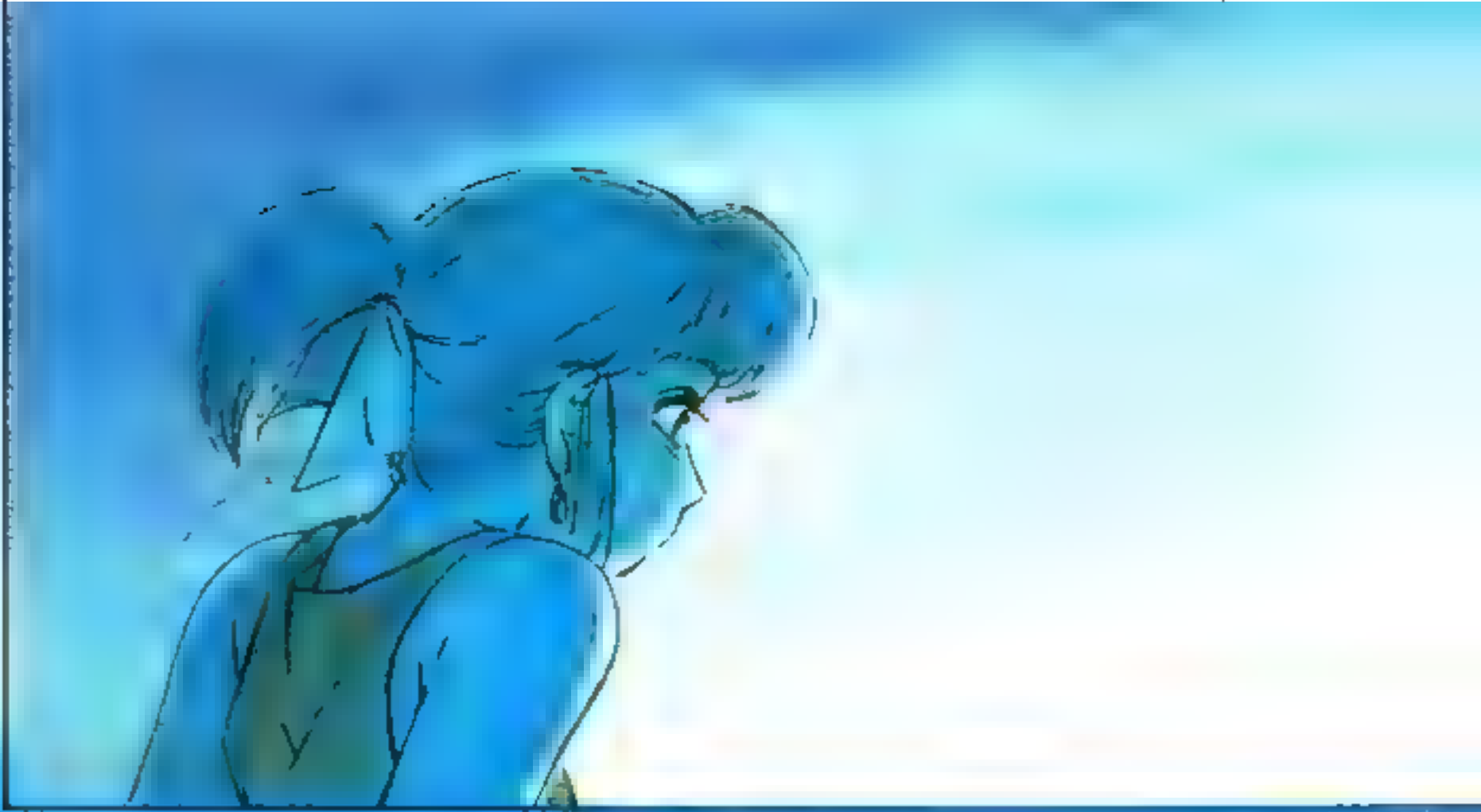










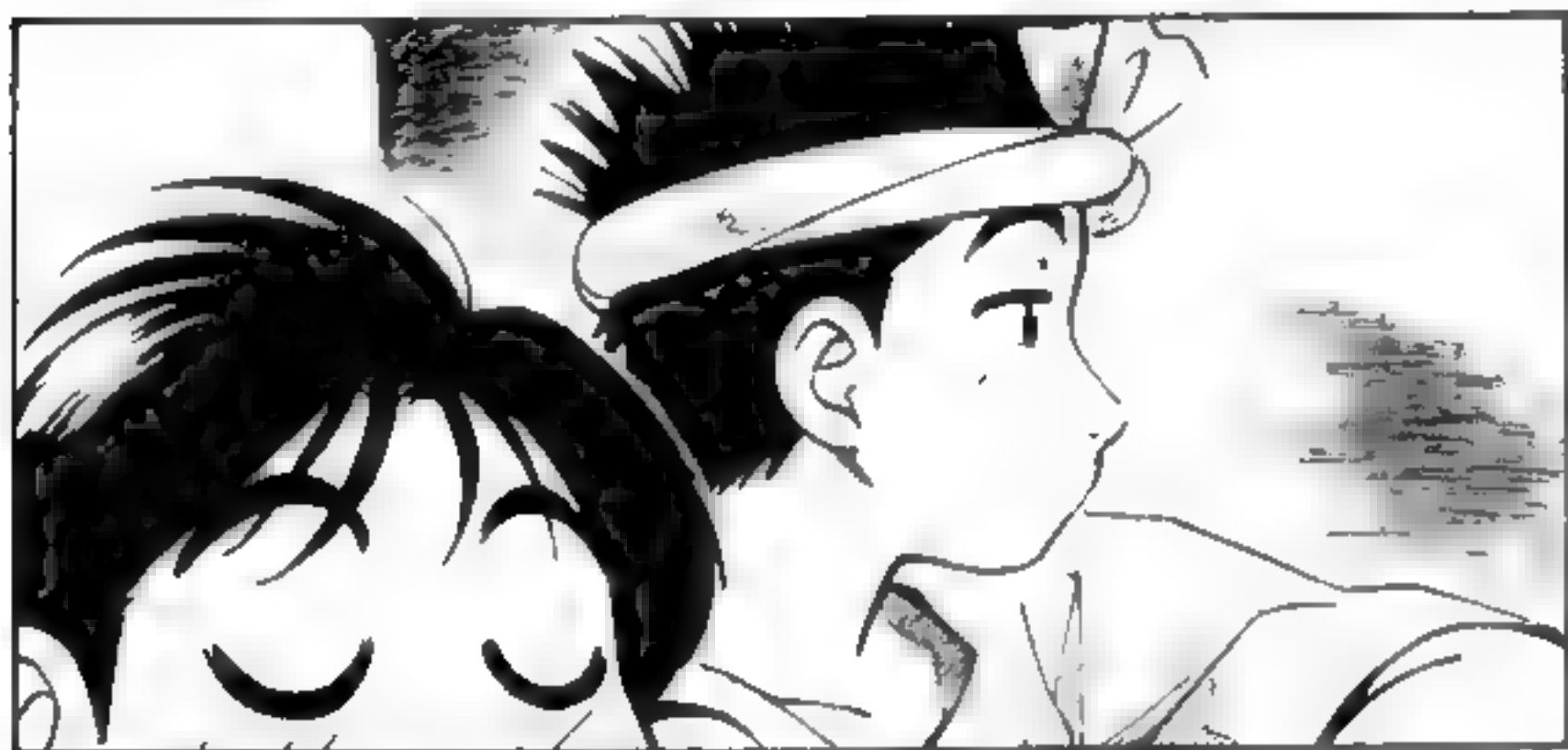


Story 30 Hot Sand



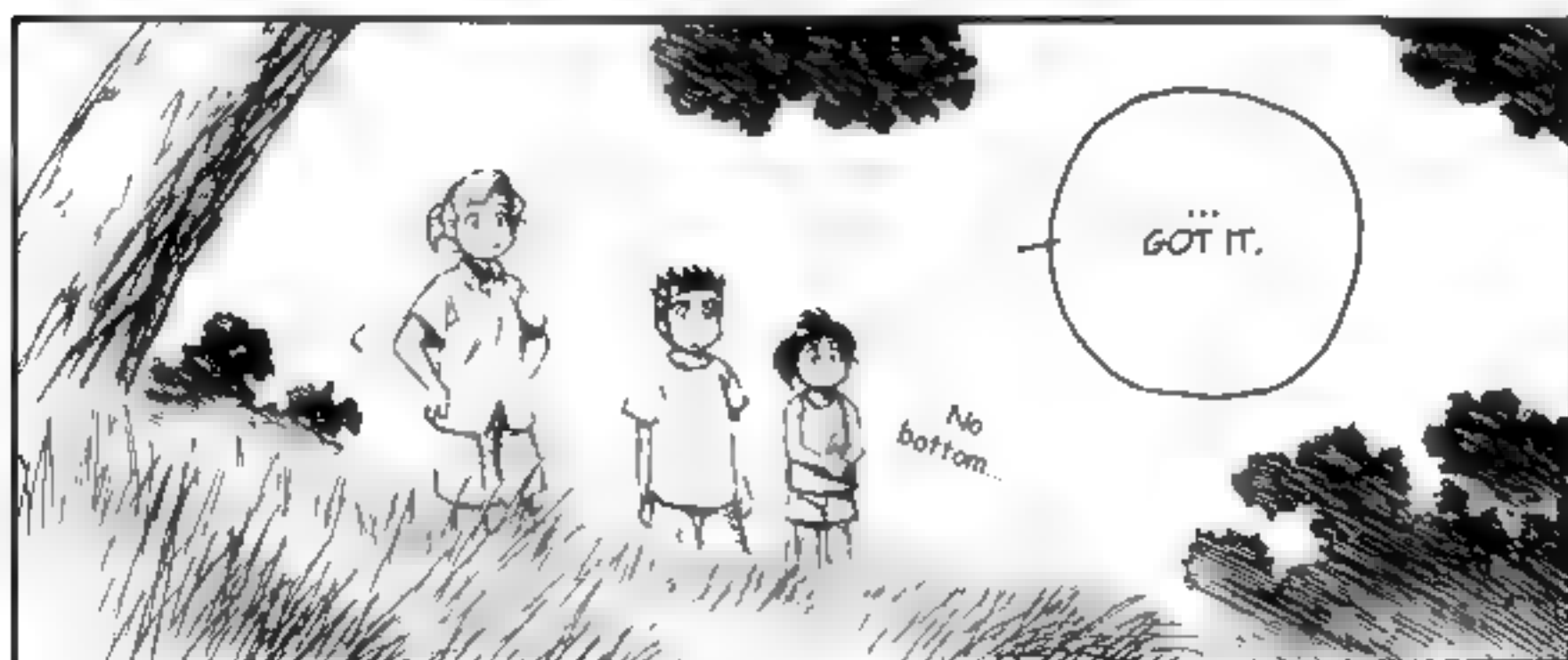












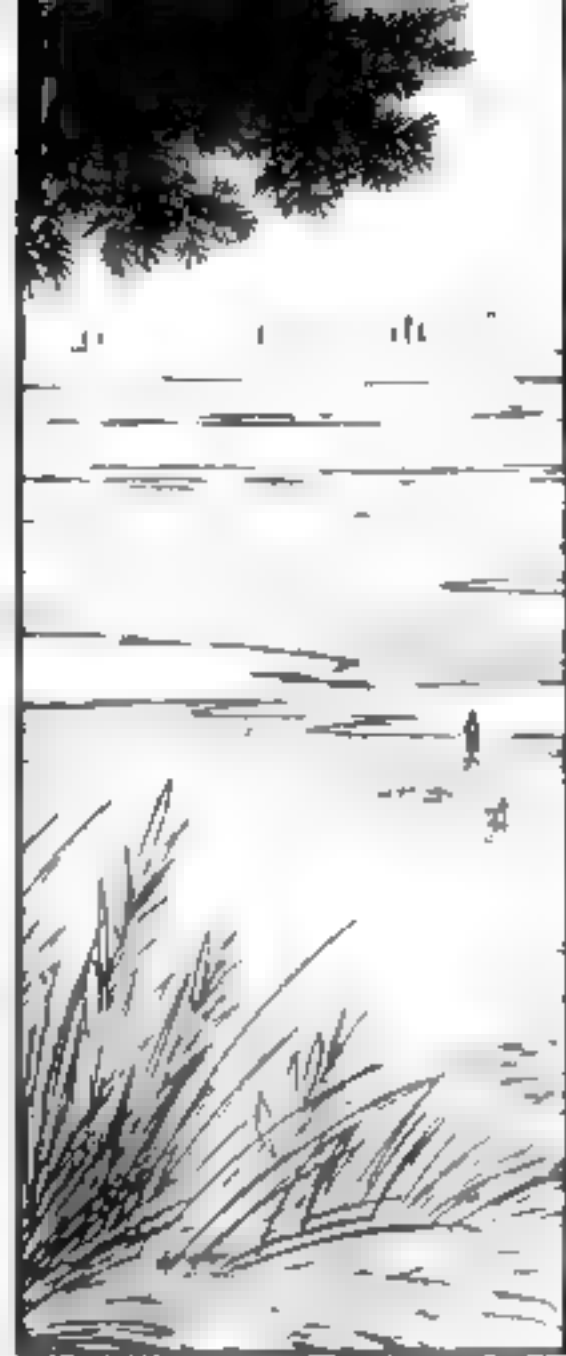
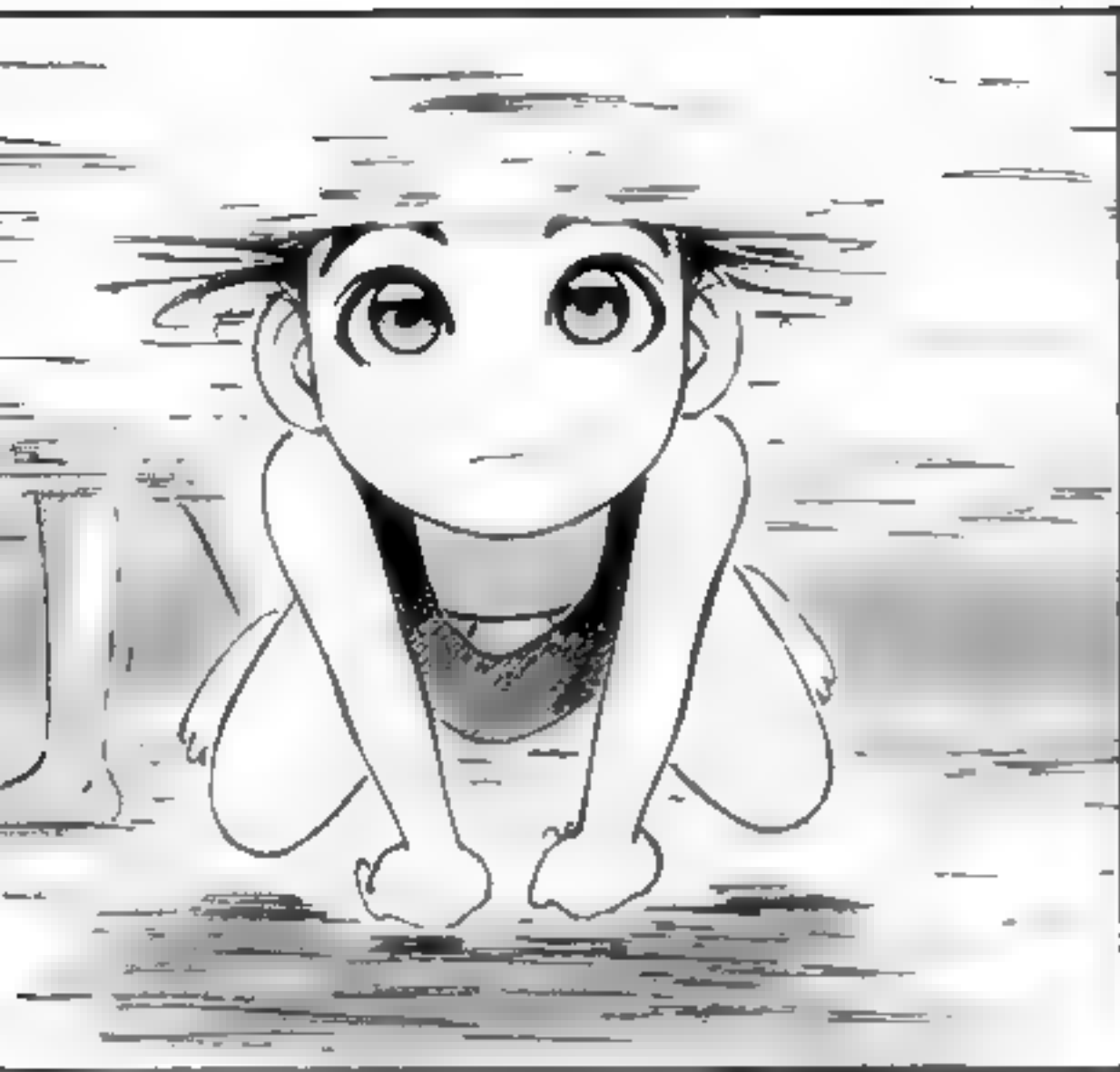


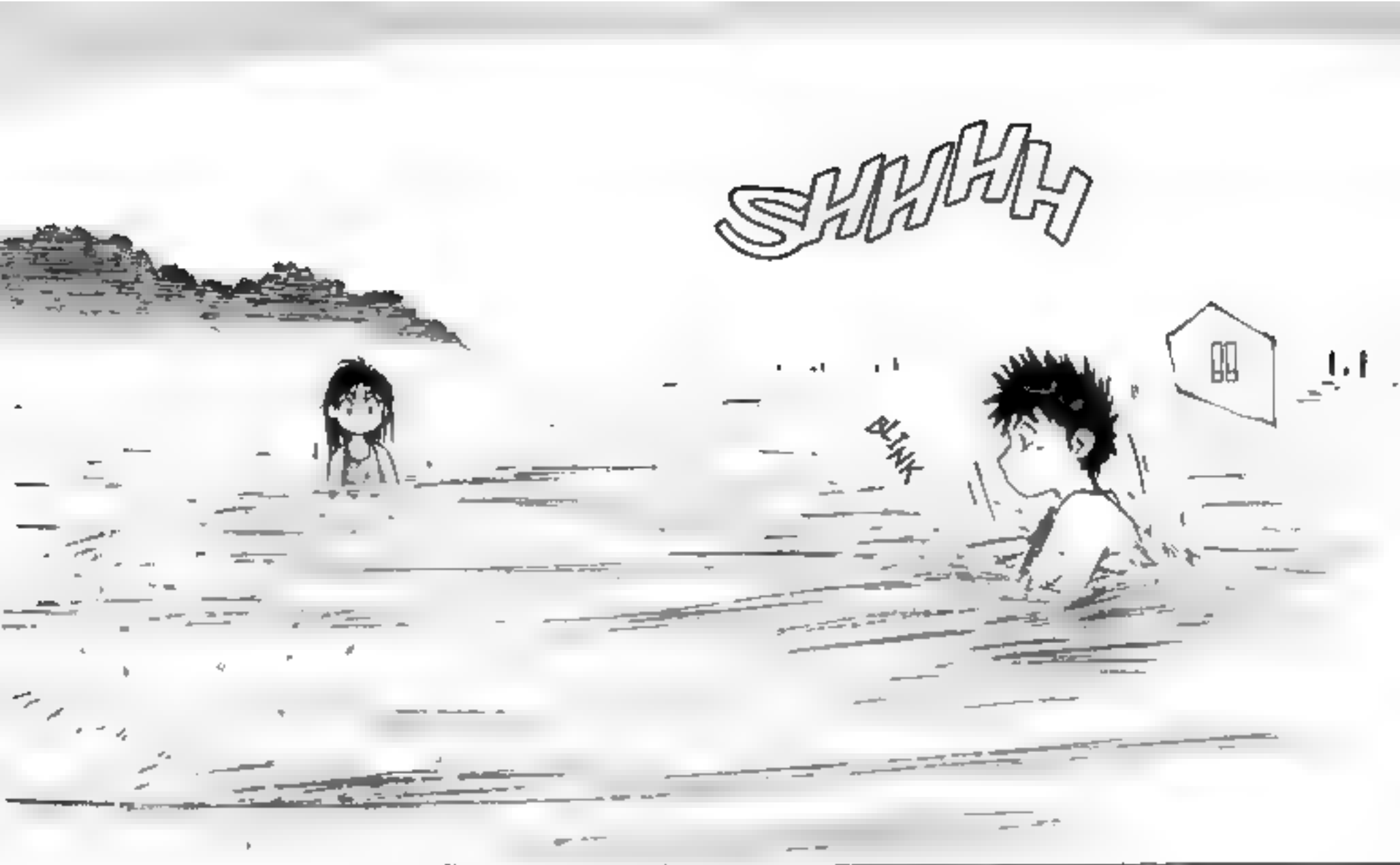




SFX. (SPLA-A-SH)











NO BATH
TODAY.



AHH...
WE'RE
REALLY
SUNBURNED.



I'LL BE
BACK TO
NORMAL BY
THE TIME!
GO TO BED,
THOUGH.

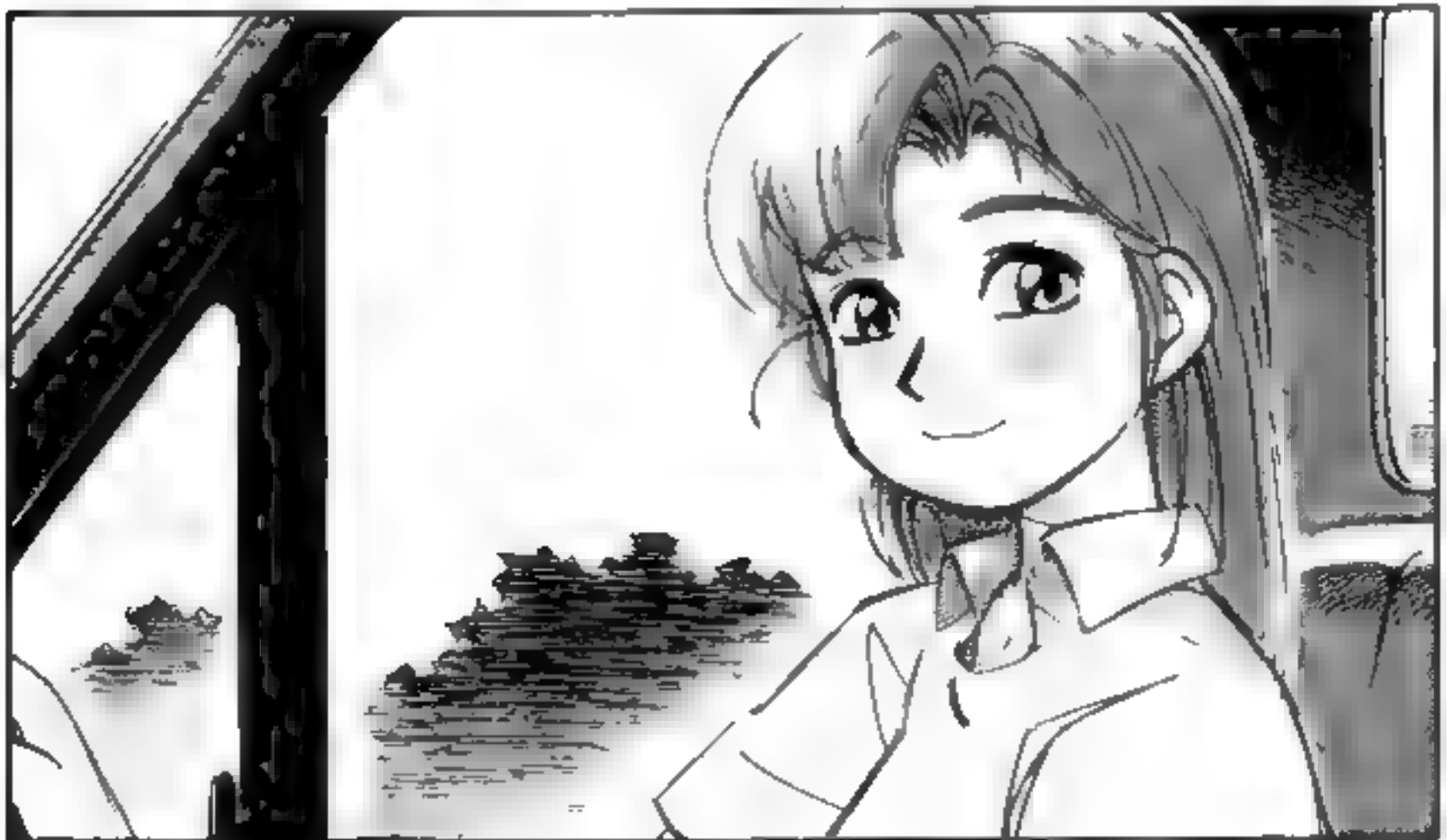
WOW!!



EHEHE...



YOU'VE
GOT SUN-
BURN TOO,
ALPHA.





Story 50

Water Clock





AUNTIE
BOUGHT ME
A BATHING
SUIT IN
MINAMIMACHI.

MAKKI TOO.



SHE WENT
OFF TO THE
OCEAN BY
HERSELF.

WHEN SHE
GOT HOME,
MAKKI PUT HER
SUIT ON RIGHT
AWAY.



YOU
CAN'T
REALLY
SWIM IN
THE BAY,
CAN
YOU?

BUT WHEN
IT'S ALMOST
EVENING AND
THE CICADAS
ARE CHIRPING...



BUT IN AN OPEN
SPOT BY THE RIVER...

AS SHE WAS
CROSSING A BRIDGE...



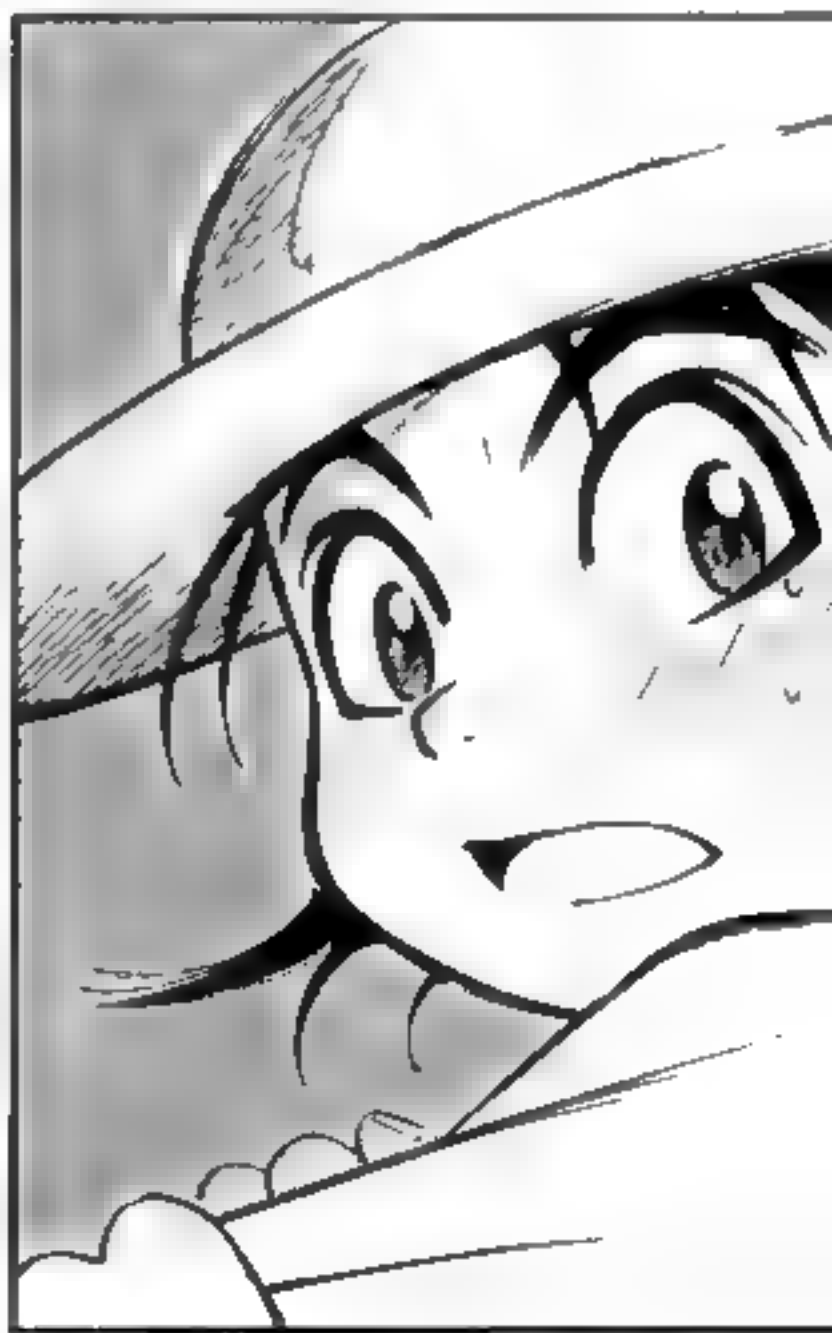
SO SHE
HEADED
BACK IN
LESS
THAN TEN
MINUTES.

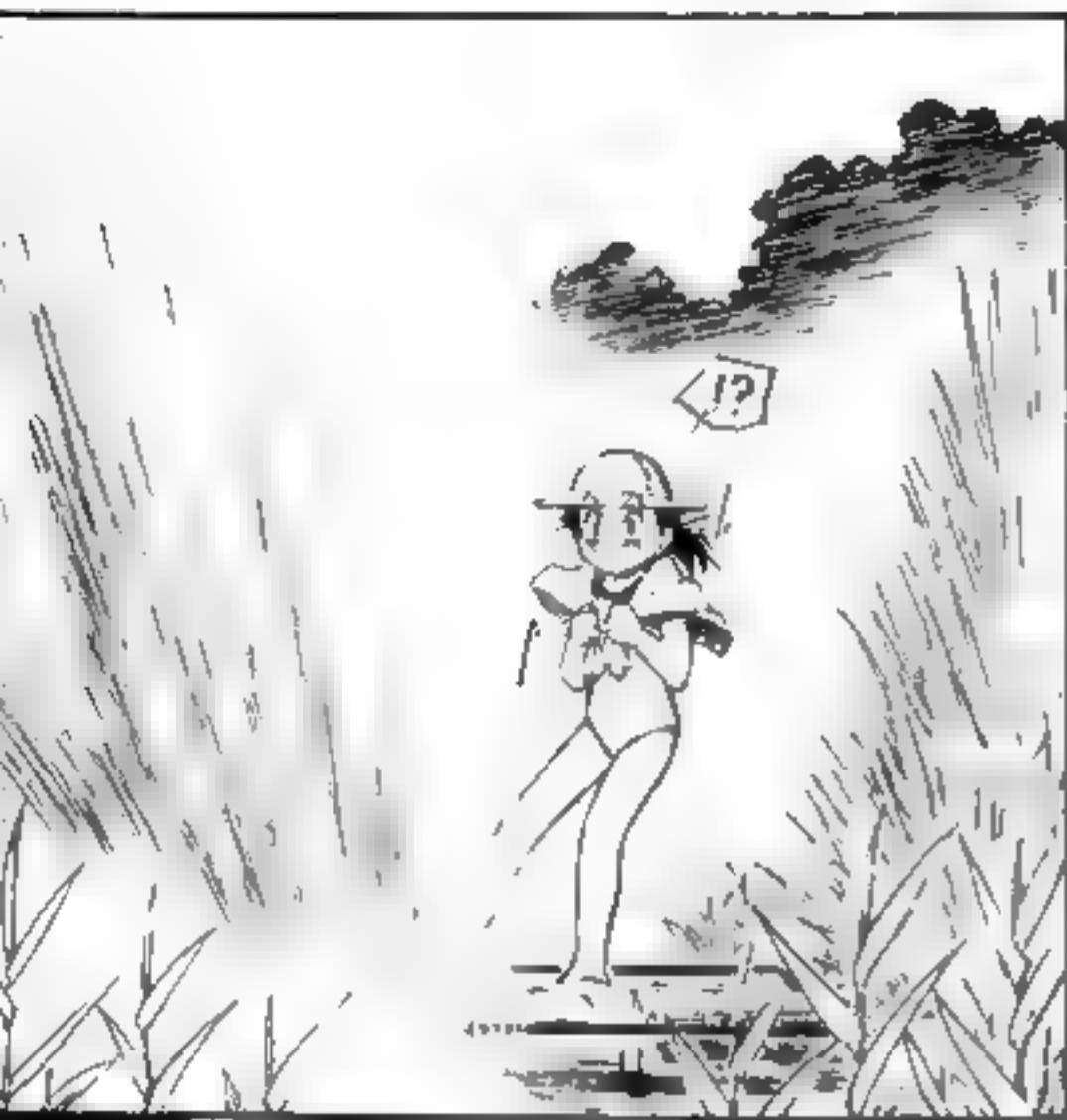


SUDDENLY,
THERE
SHE WAS,
STANDING
RIGHT BESIDE
HER.



MAKKI
HAD
MET THE
MISAGO
ONCE
BEFORE
BUT...





SHE
COULDN'T
MOVE A
MUSCLE.



MAKKI-
CHAN,
ISN'T IT?



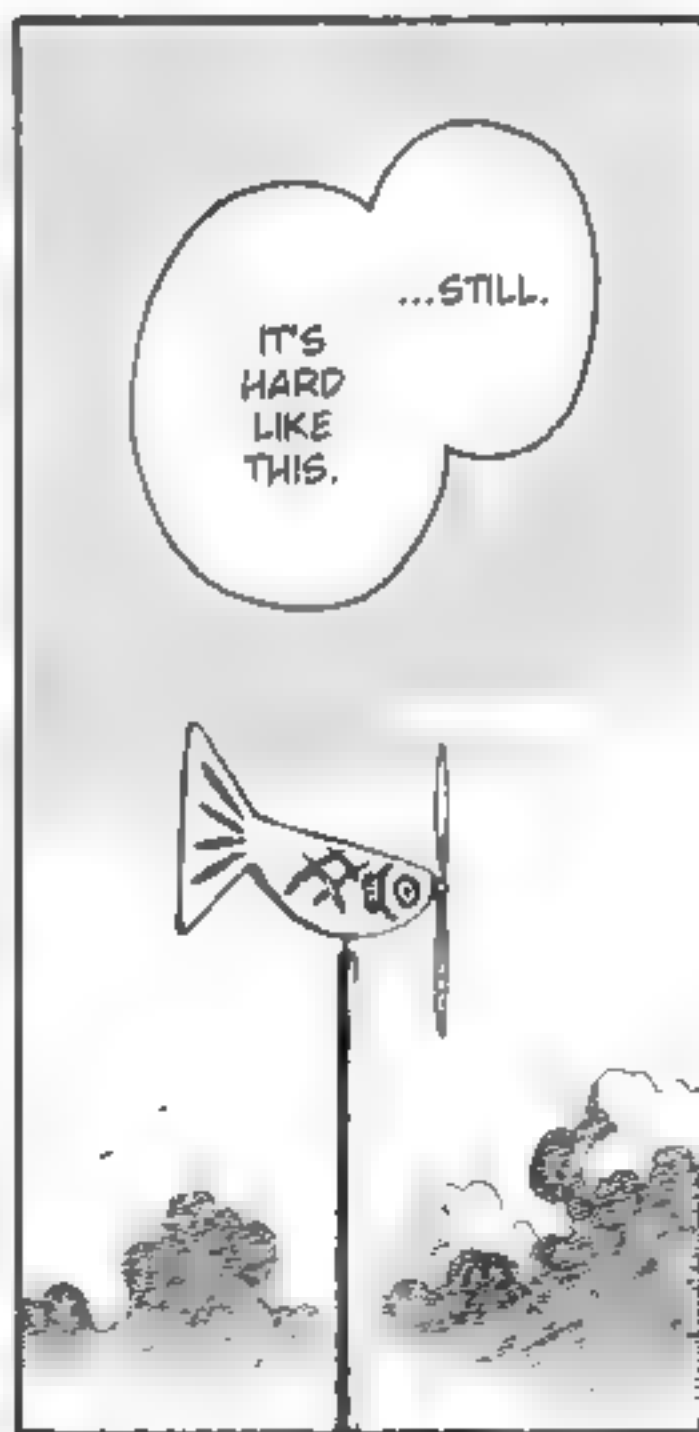




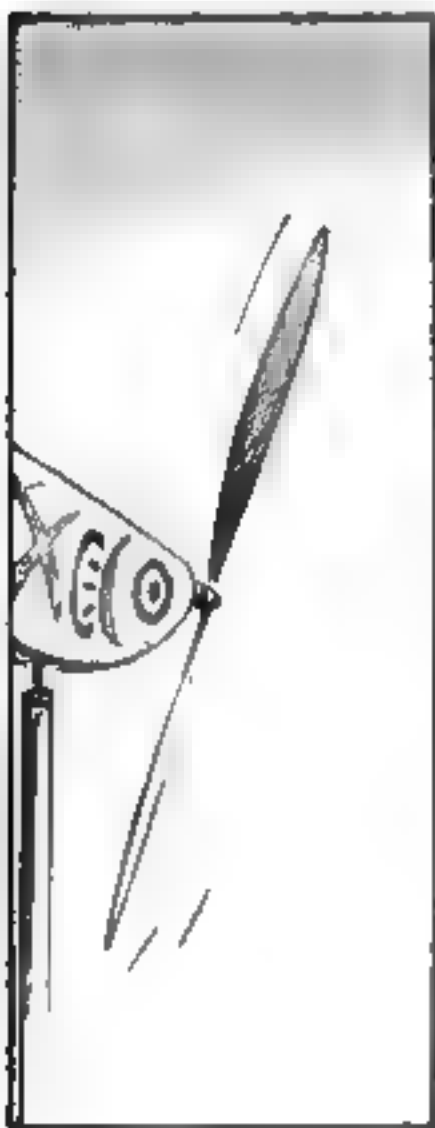


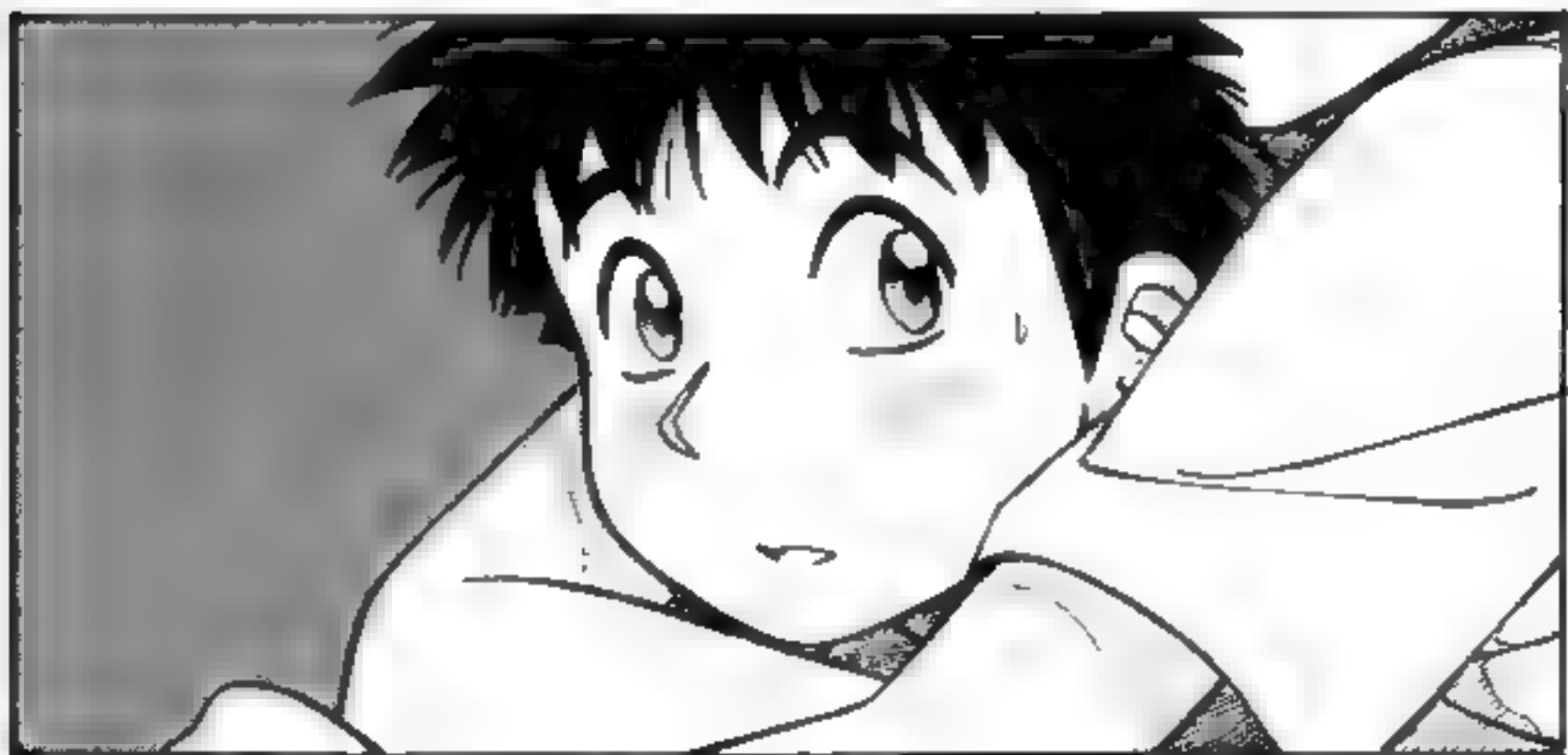
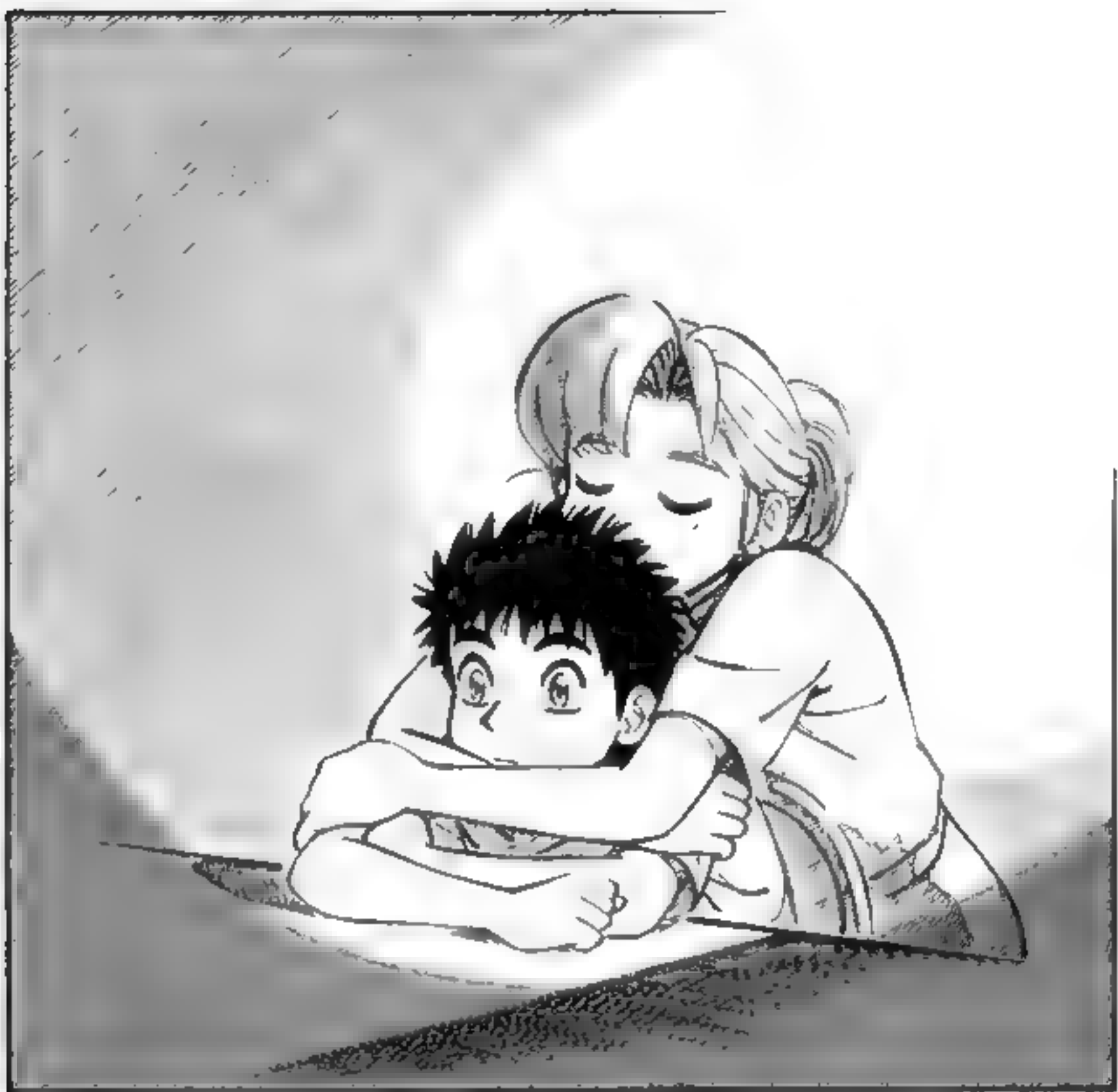


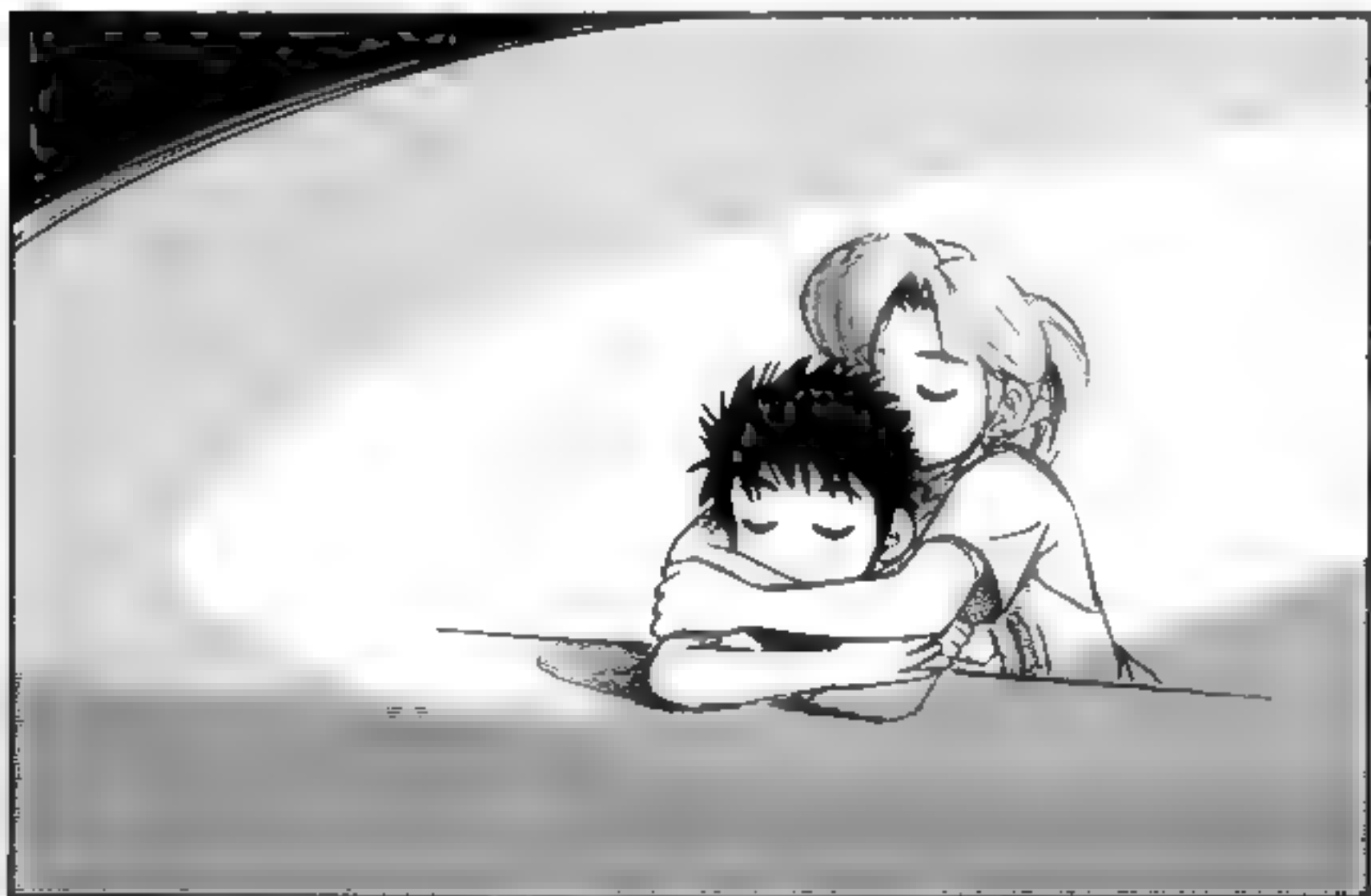
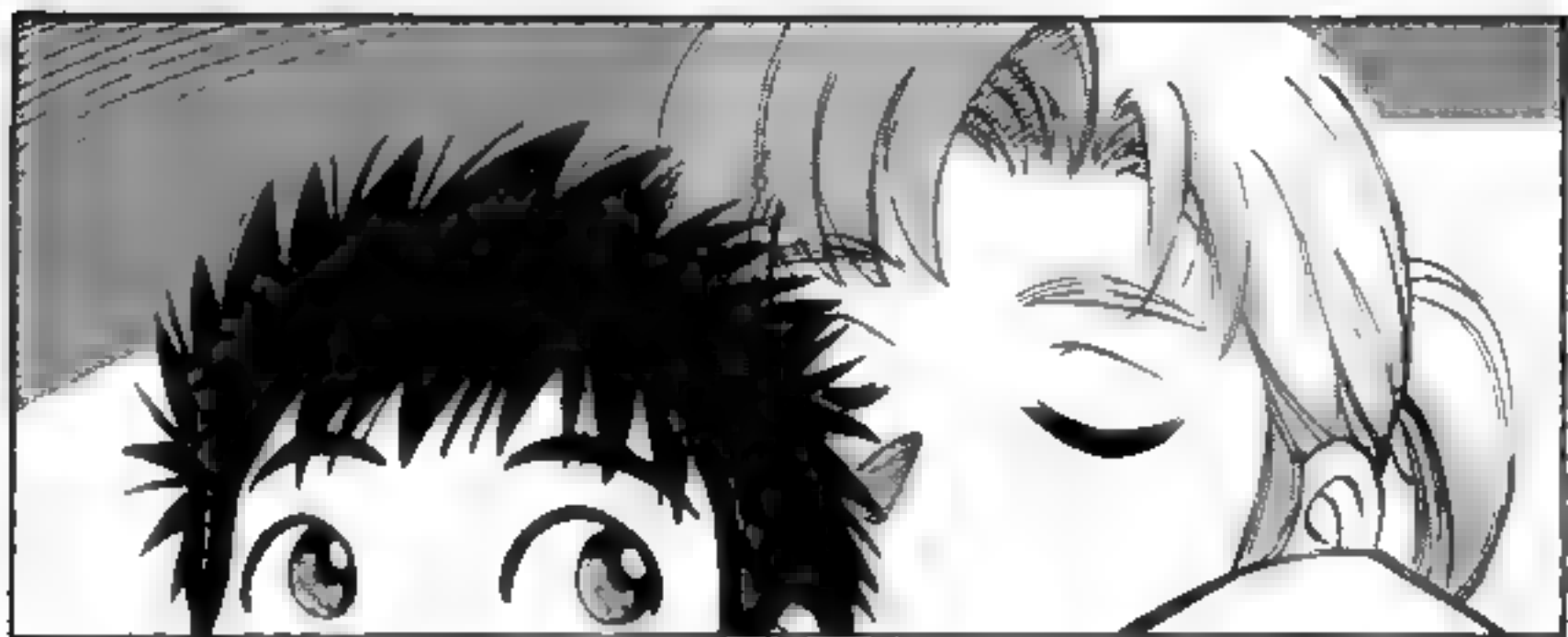


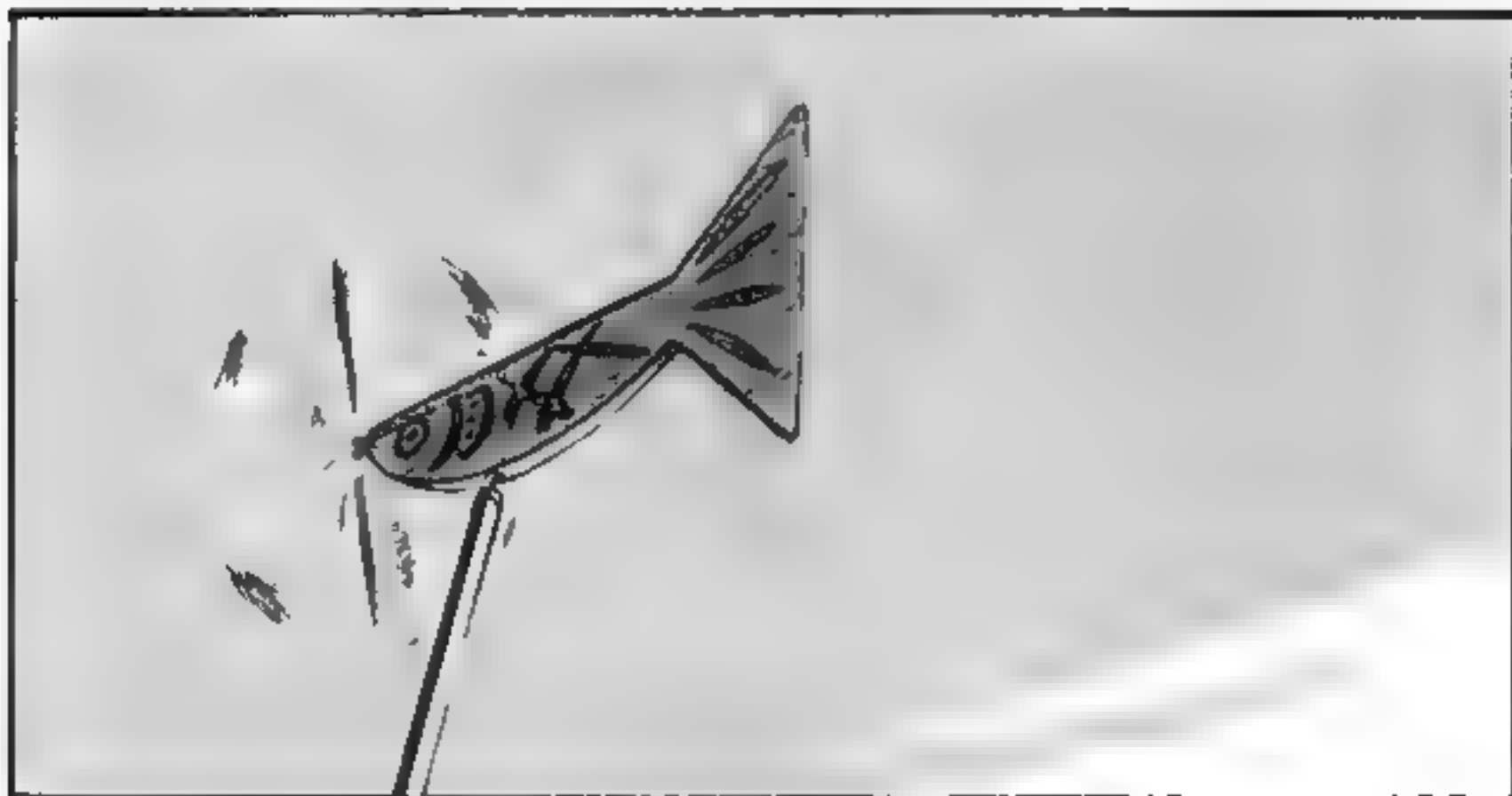












THE FLOW OF TIME CARRIES
EVERYONE ALONG,
MOMENT BY MOMENT.

IT NEVER STOPS.

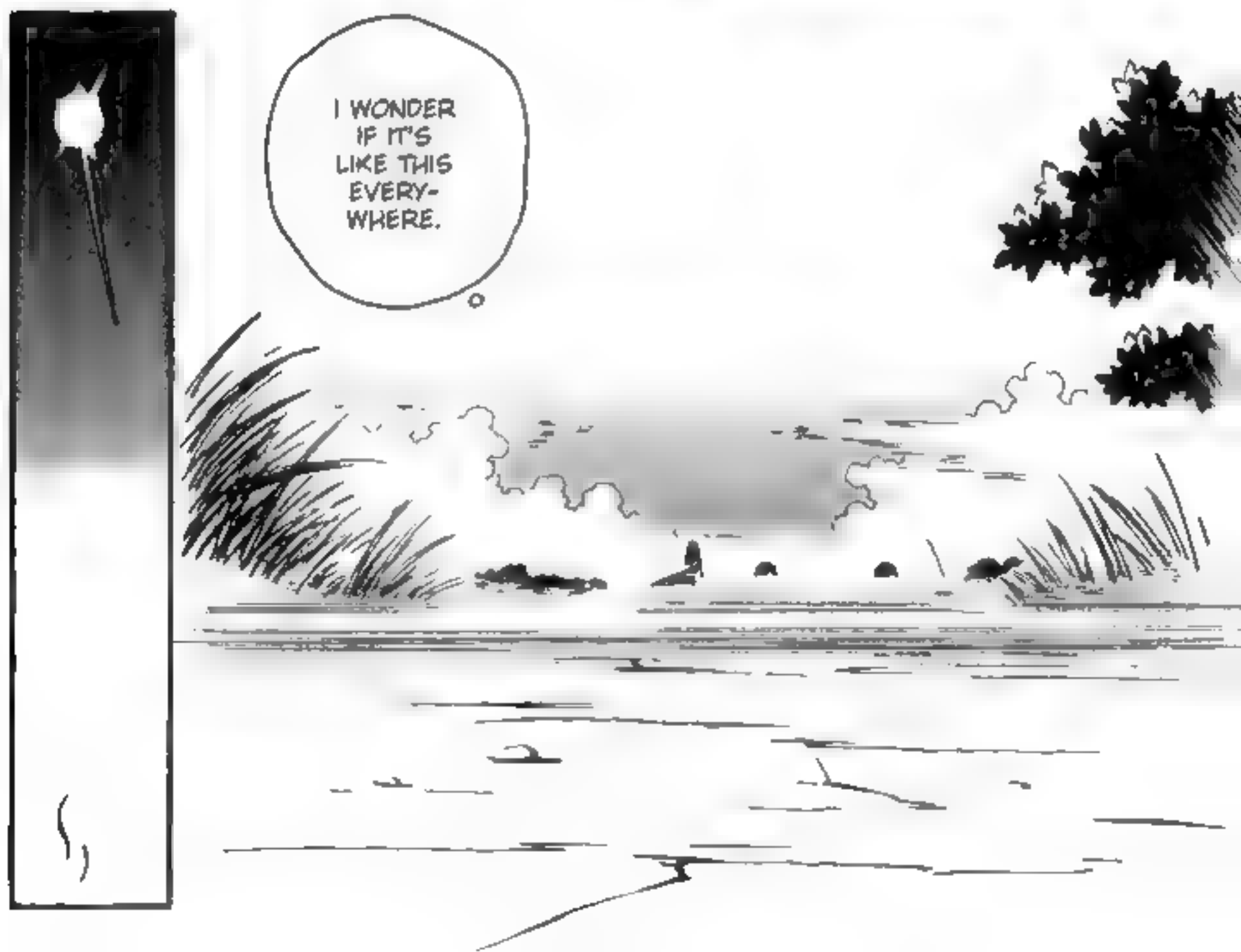
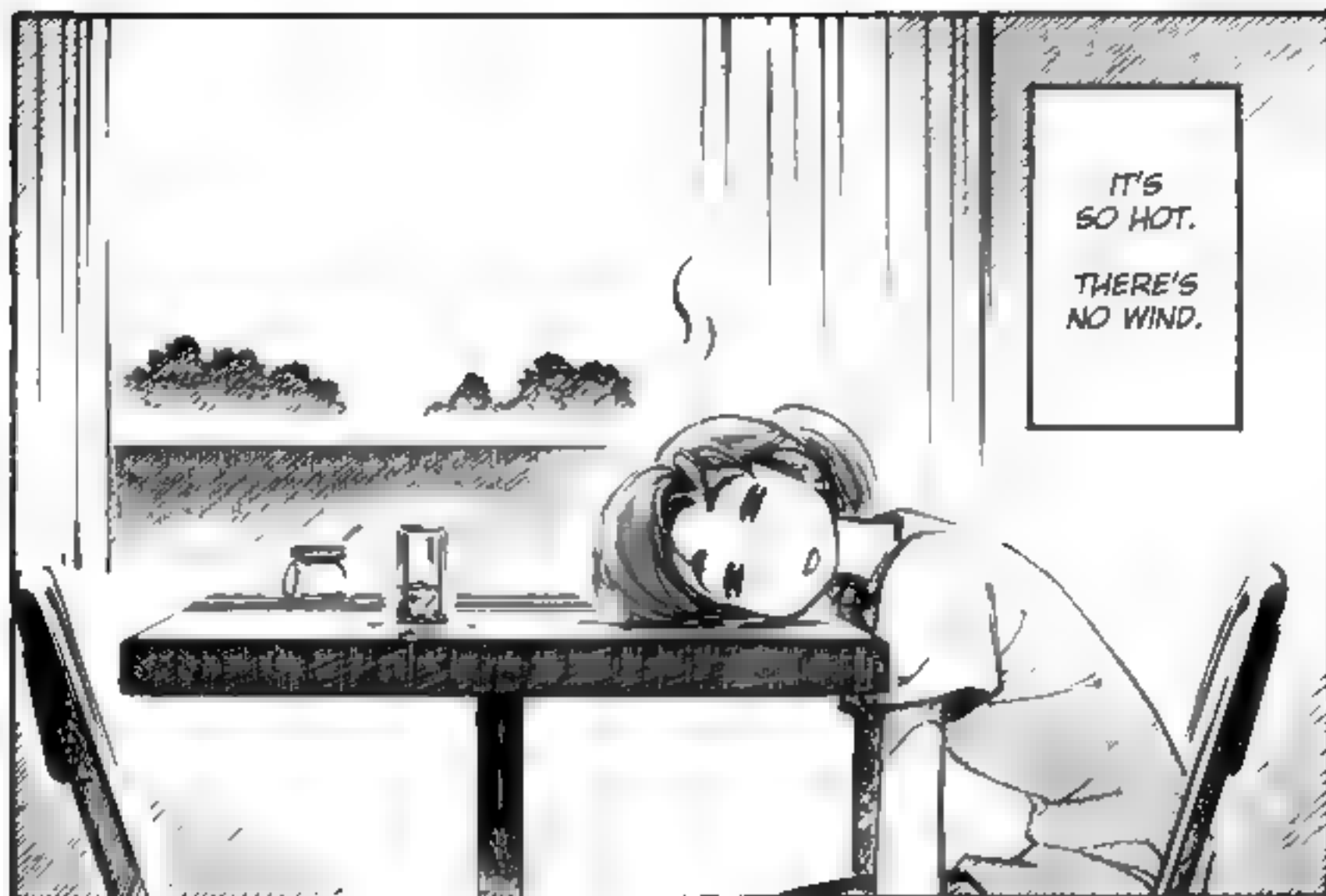


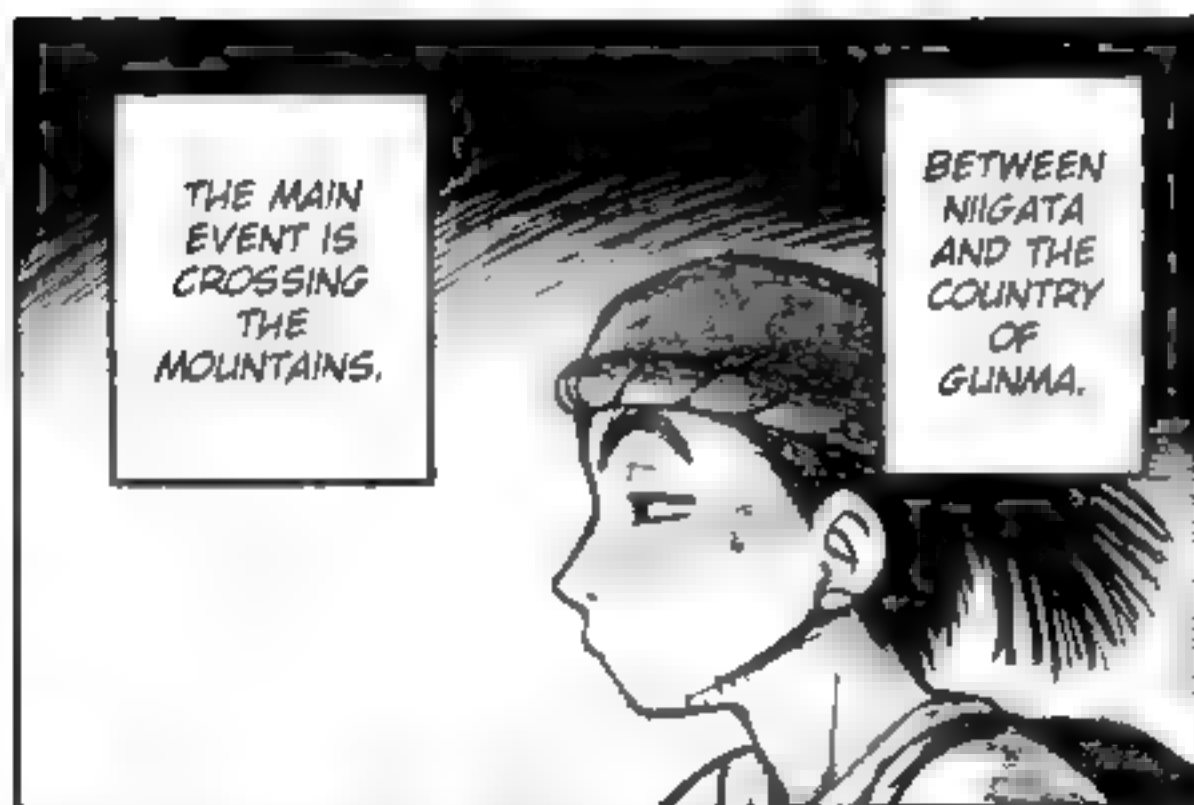
Story 51

Mountain Tunnel









"REALLY?
MAYBE
I'LL GO
THAT WAY,
THEN."



"THERE'S A
BIG TUNNEL
OVER THAT WAY.
MOST PEOPLE
CROSSING
MIKUNI PASS
TAKE IT."

"THAT
REMINDS
ME."



.....



"I'LL
SELL
IT TO
YOU
CHEAP!"

"HERE,
USE
THIS
LIGHT!"





HE
SAID THE
TUNNEL
IS MORE
THAN
10KM
LONG.

THERE
AIN'T A
SINGLE
PERSON
GOIN'
THIS WAY!



...AND
THE SEEM-
INGLY
ENDLESS
LINE OF
FLUOR-
ESCENT
LIGHTS.



AHEAD IS
ETERNAL
DARKNESS.

I'VE
COME
TOO FAR
TO TURN
BACK.

KAMAS
HAS BEEN
SLEEPING
INSIDE MY
BAG EVER
SINCE WE
LEFT THE
SEA.



I WONDER
IF HE JUST
SEES ME AS
AN EASY WAY
TO GET
A RIDE?



THE
LIGHTS
THEY'RE
DIA...





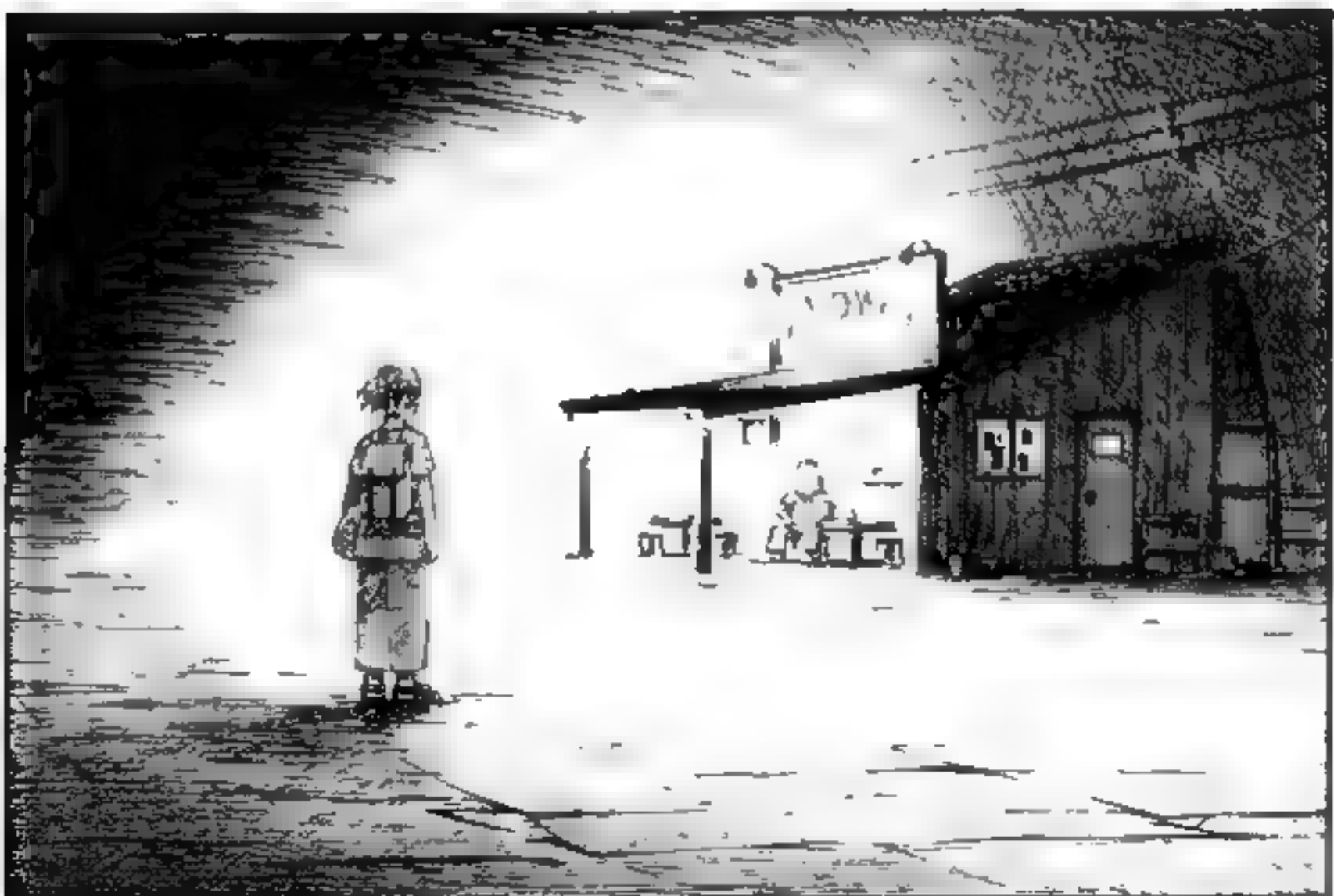
I WALK
ALONG
WITH
ONLY
THEM TO
GUIDE
ME.

AFTER
THEN,
I HAVE
NOTHING
BUT THE
DIM FLUOR-
ESCENT
LIGHTS
TO RELY
ON.

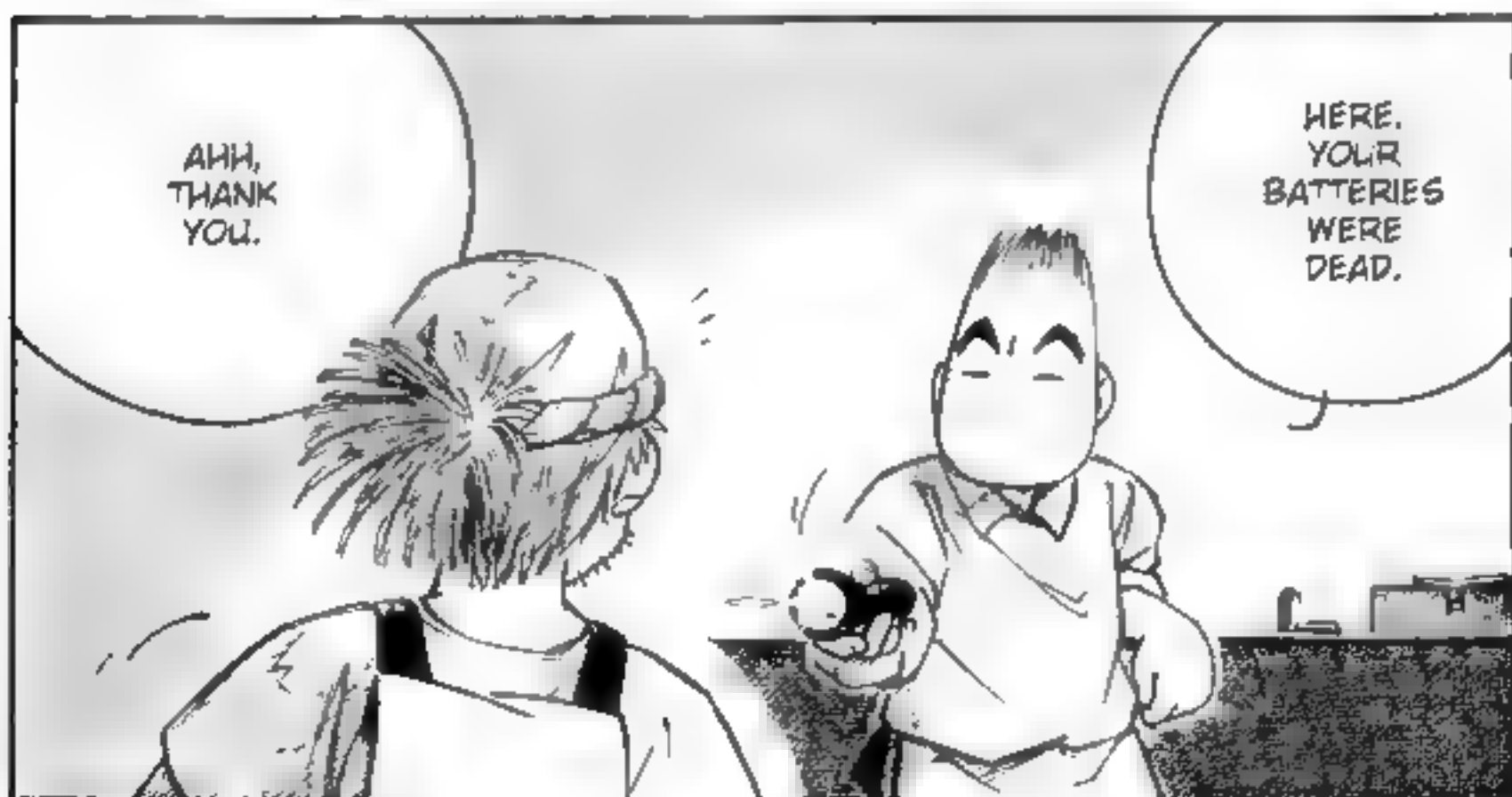


BIT
BY BIT,
A STRANGE
FEELING
OVERCOMES
ME.

THIS
ISN'T
GOOD.











I FEEL A
DIFFERENT
AIR.

IT CARRIES
THE SMELL
OF THE
PACIFIC
OCEAN.



WE'RE
NOT AT
THE OCEAN
YET.



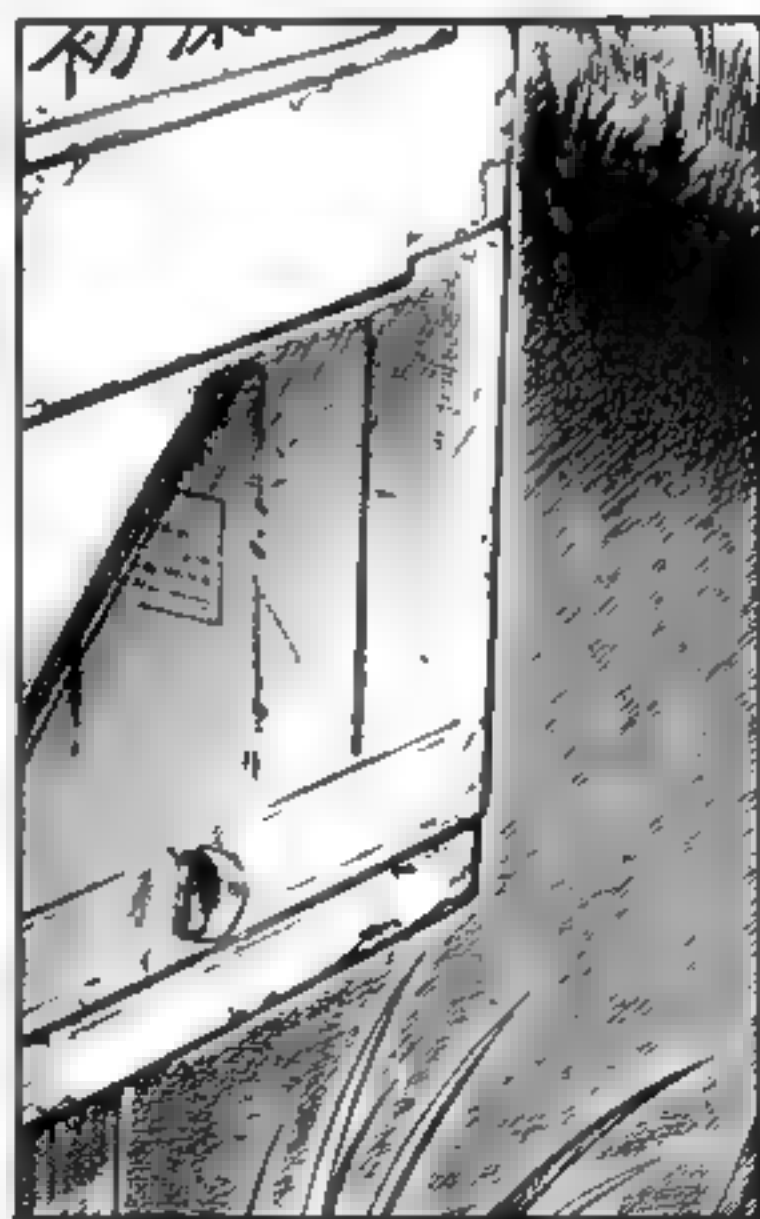




Story 52

NIGHTBIRD









LIQUEUR?

"AH,
THAT'S RIGHT.
ABOUT THE
PACKAGE.
IT CONTAINS
A BOTTLE
OF LIQUEUR."

"THIS IS A COFFEE LIQUEUR.
YOU MIX IT WITH MILK
BEFORE DRINKING."

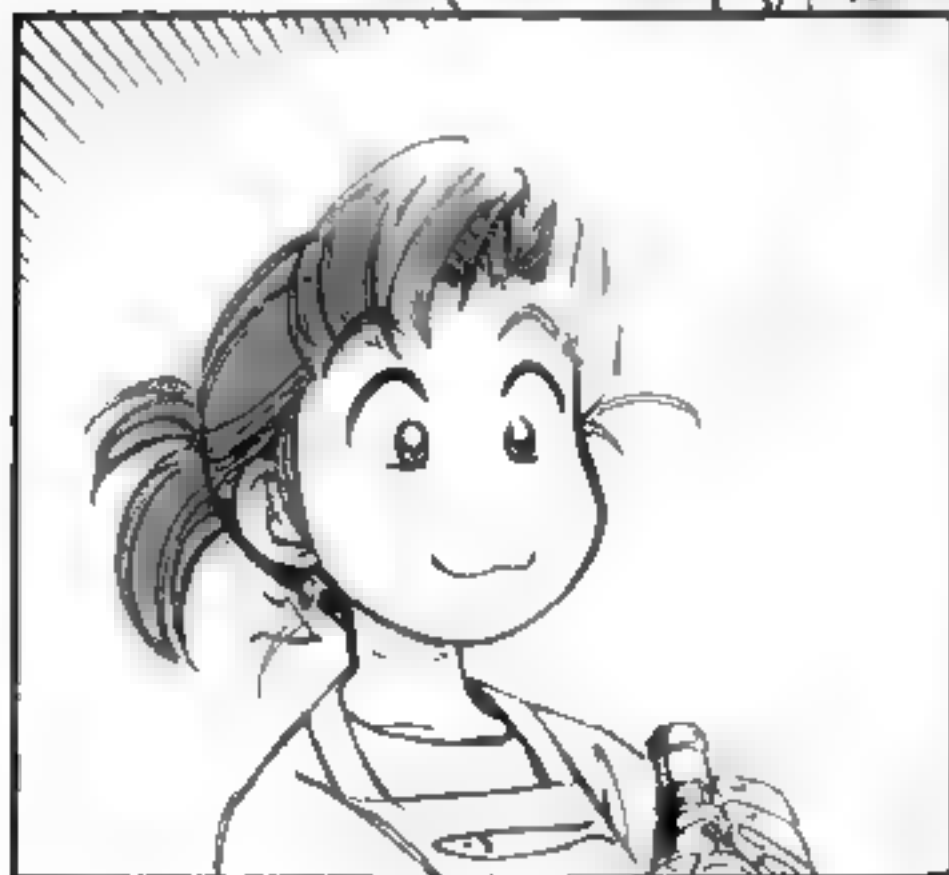
"YOU TOLD ME BEFORE
THAT YOU CAN'T DRINK
MILK, BUT ARE TRYING
TO GET ACCUSTOMED
TO IT."

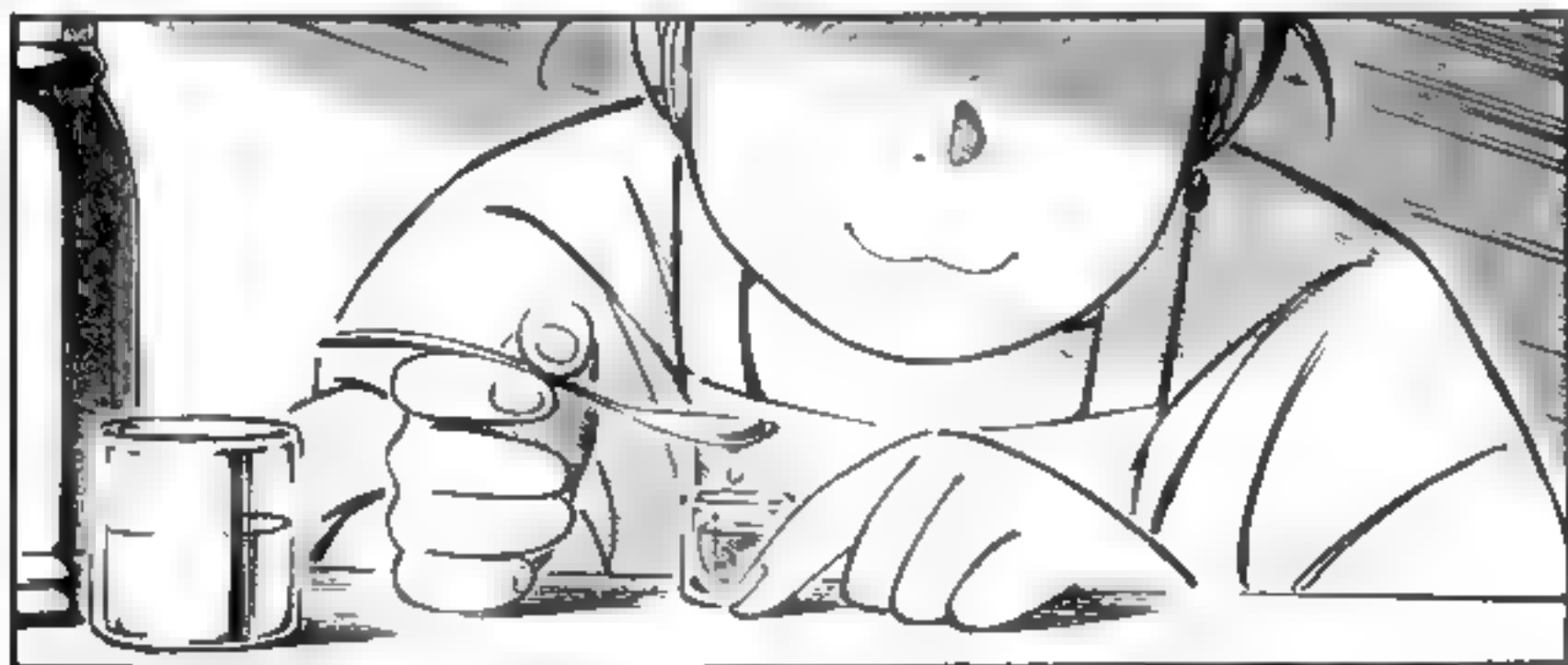
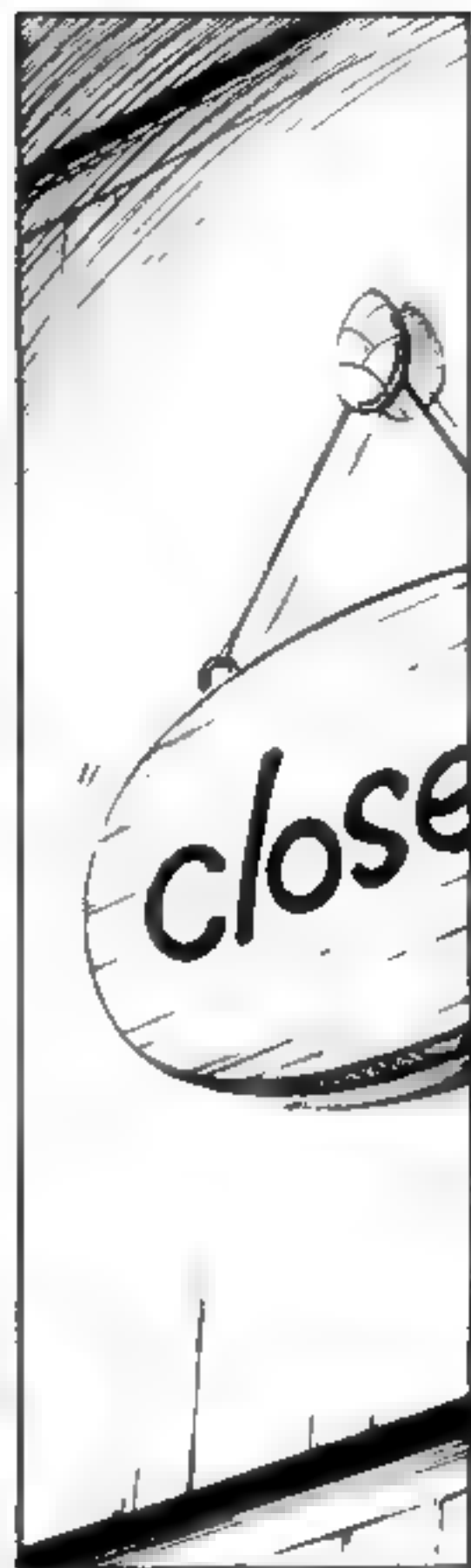


YOU'RE
FORGETTING THE
MOST IMPORTANT
THING ABOUT
ME AND MILK.

THE
TASTE
ISN'T THE
PROBLEM,
KOKONE...

"IT'S VERY SWEET,
SO I'M SURE THAT
YOU WILL LIKE IT,
ALPHA."







MAYBE,
WITH THIS LIQUEUR...



HERE WE GO!
SOMEHOW,
I HAVE A GOOD
FEELING ABOUT
THIS.



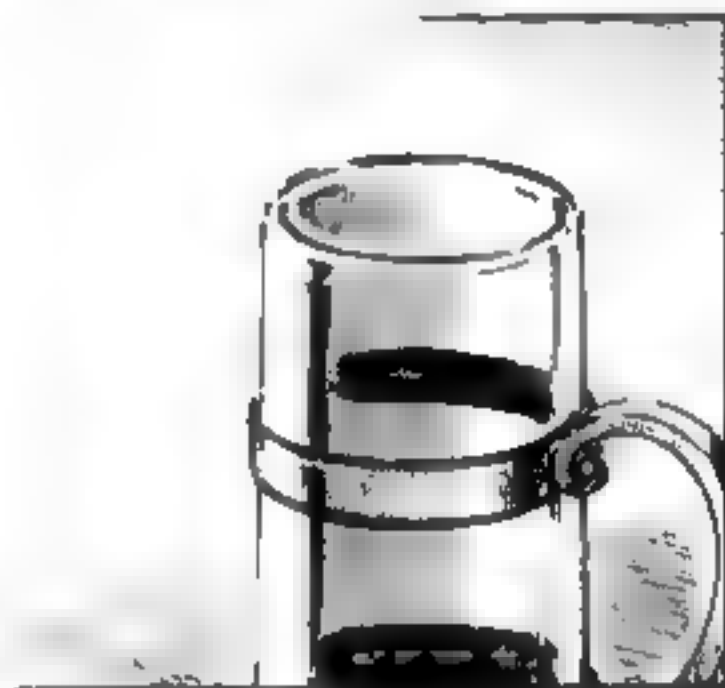
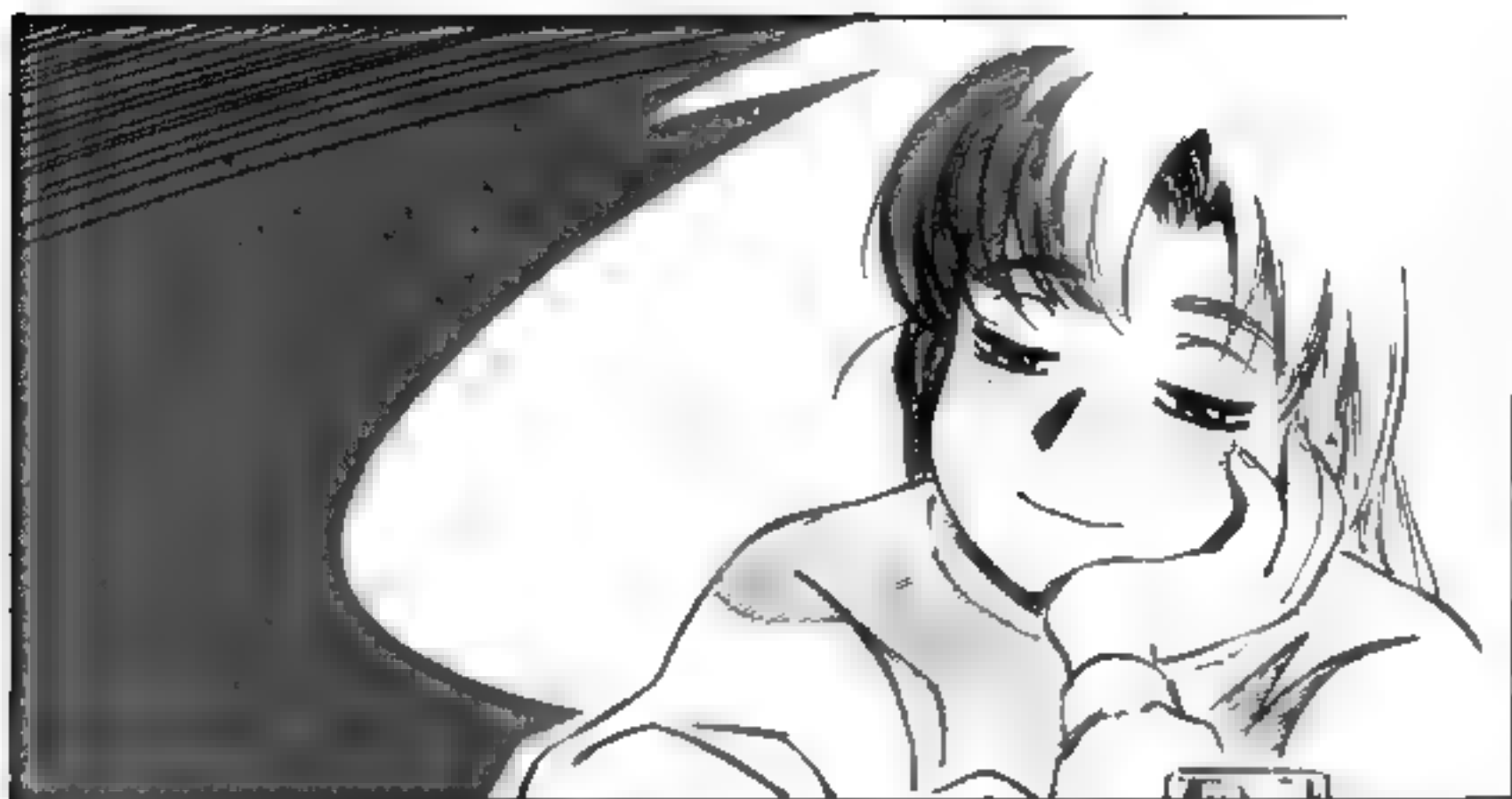
I HATE
THE WAY EVEN
CAFE AU LAIT
MAKES ME GO
ALL NUMB.

I'LL BE ABLE
TO ACCUSTOM
MYSELF TO
MILK!














...HUI?



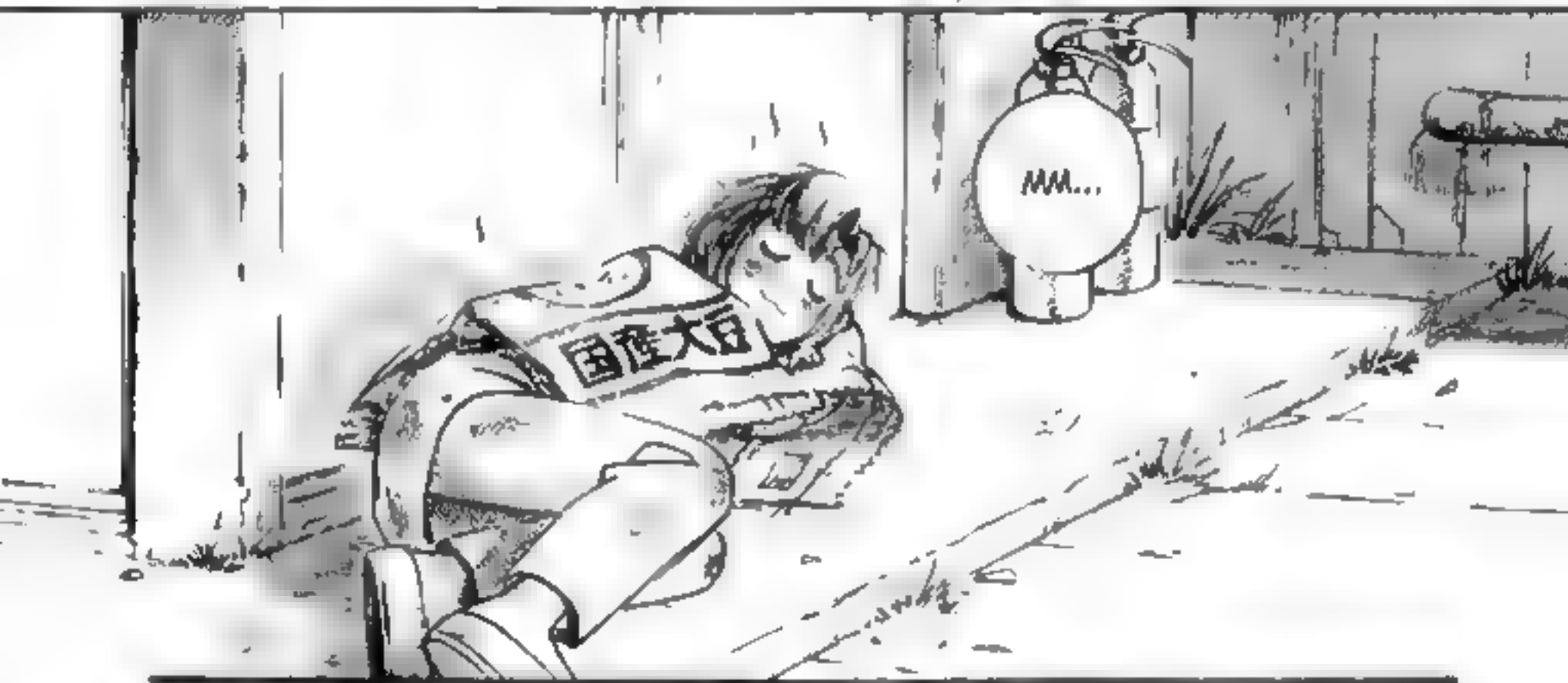
THIS HEIGHT...
AH... IT'S THE
SAME DREAM
AS ALWAYS.

I SEE...
I MUST HAVE
FALLEN
ASLEEP
LIKE THAT.

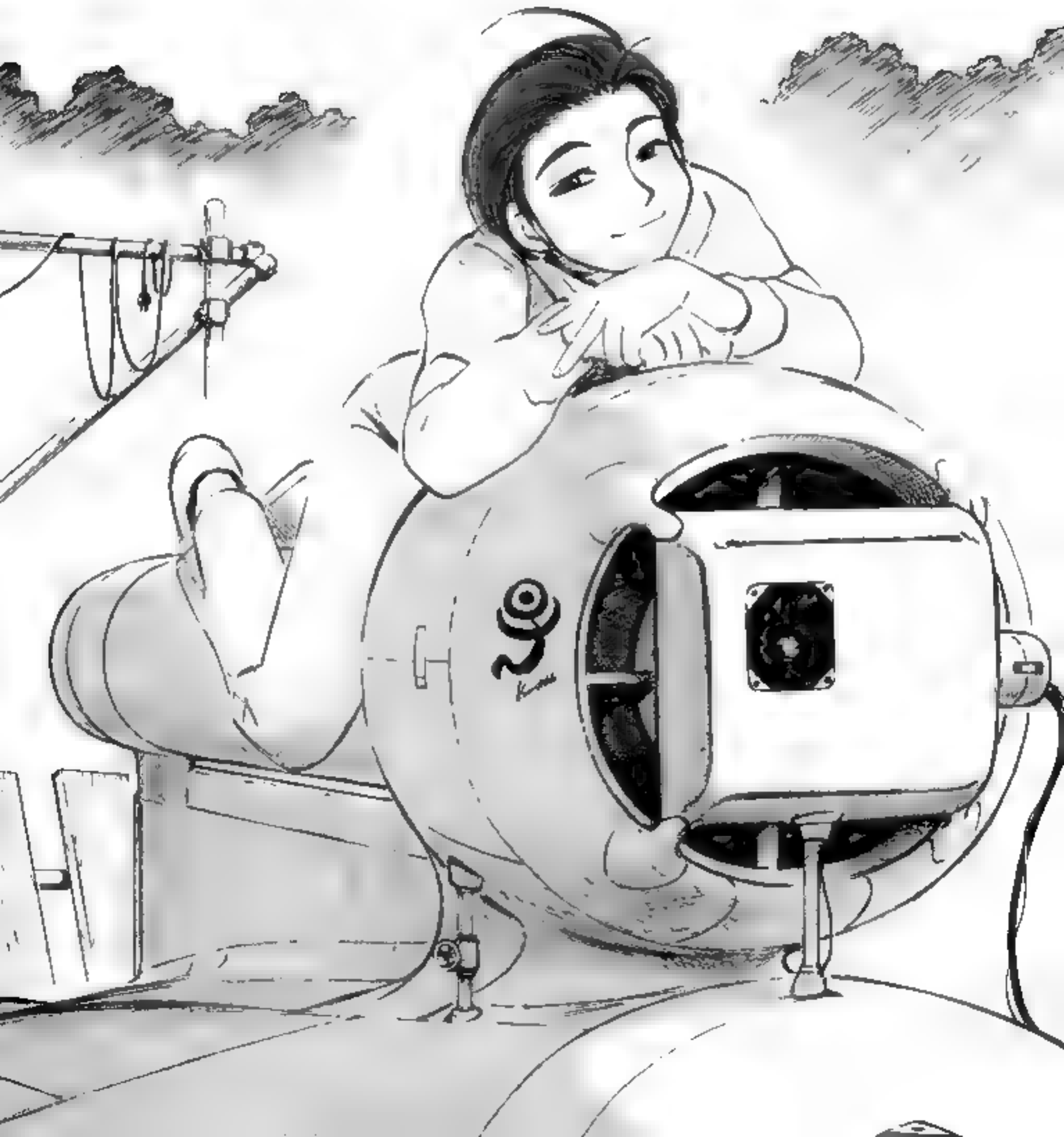
THE
WIND
IS COOL.

IT'S
A GOOD
THING I
CLOSED
THE SHOP.

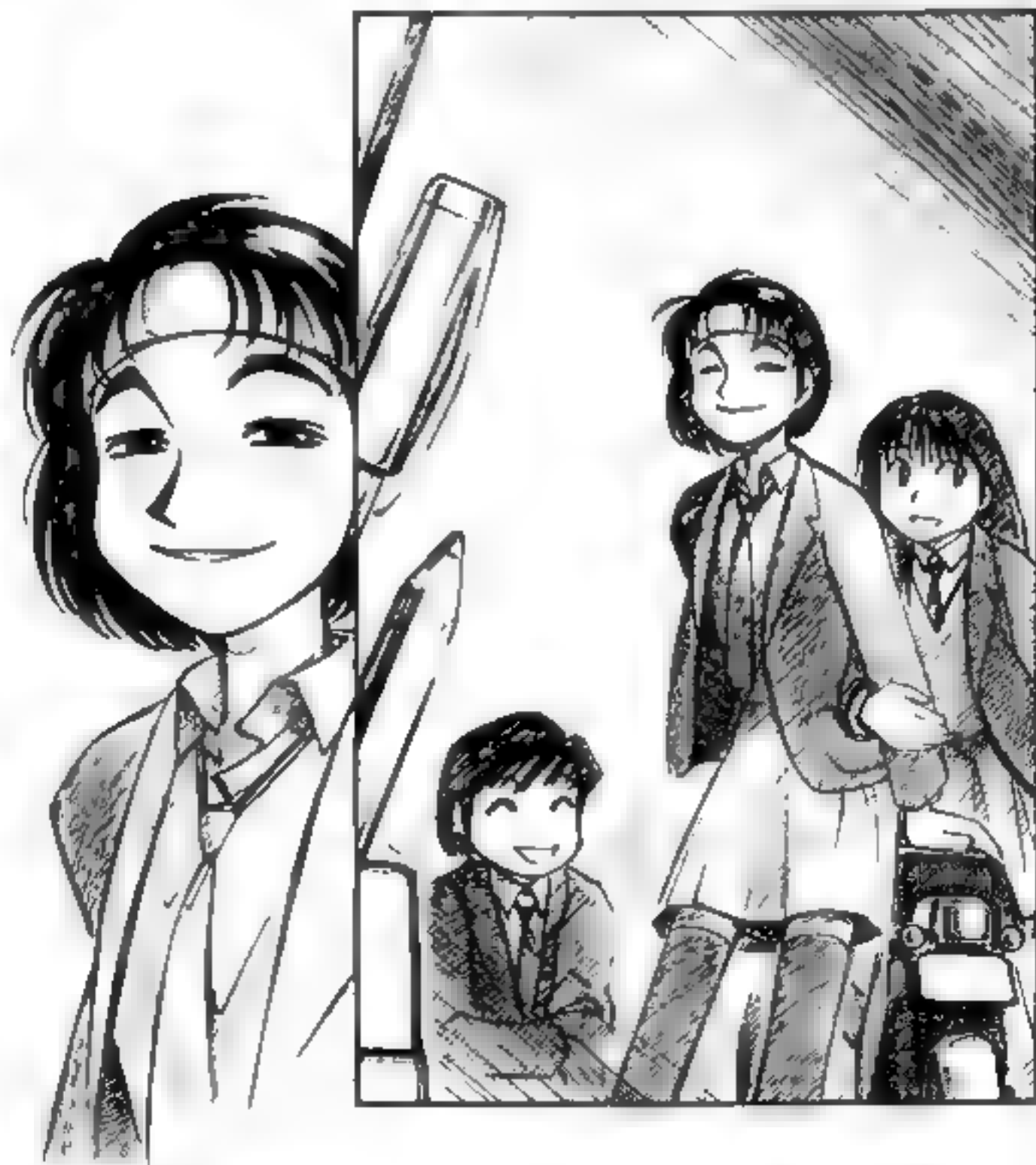
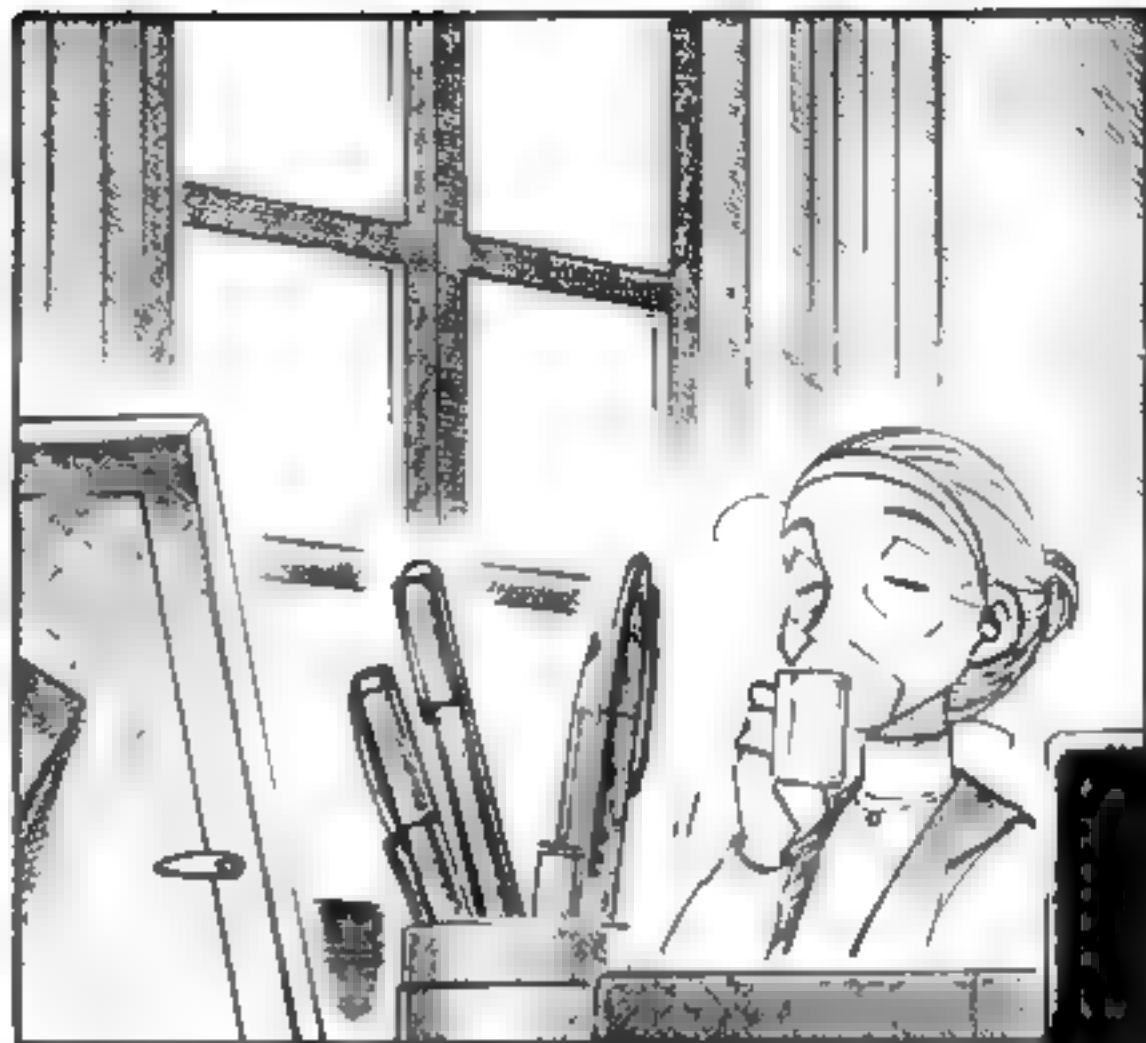
I'LL
HAVE TO
DRINK THAT
MILK LIQUOR
ONLY BEFORE
GOING TO
BED.

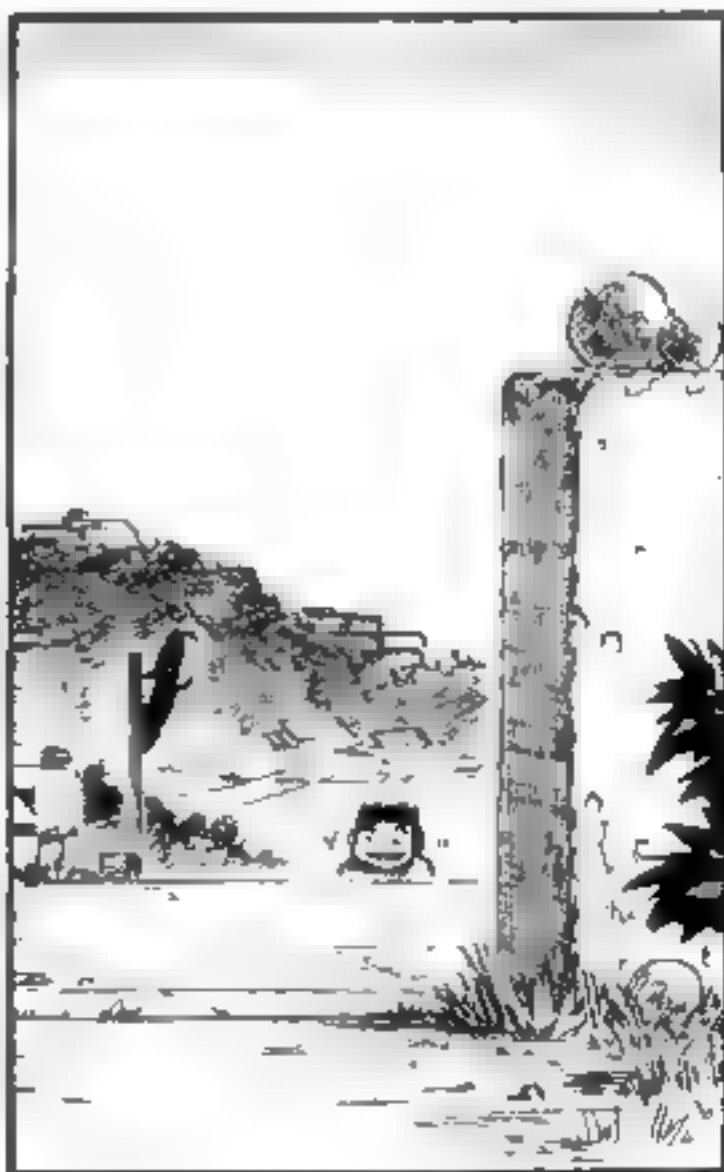


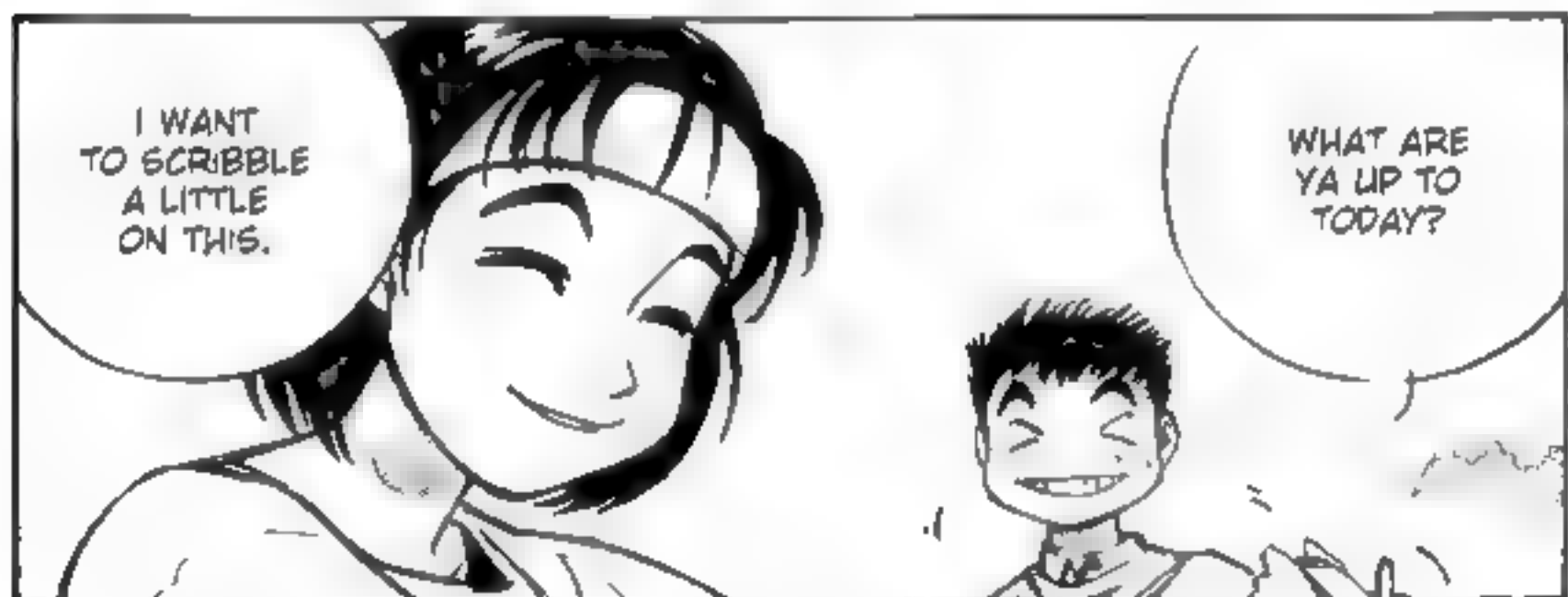
Story 53 Sensei's Mark



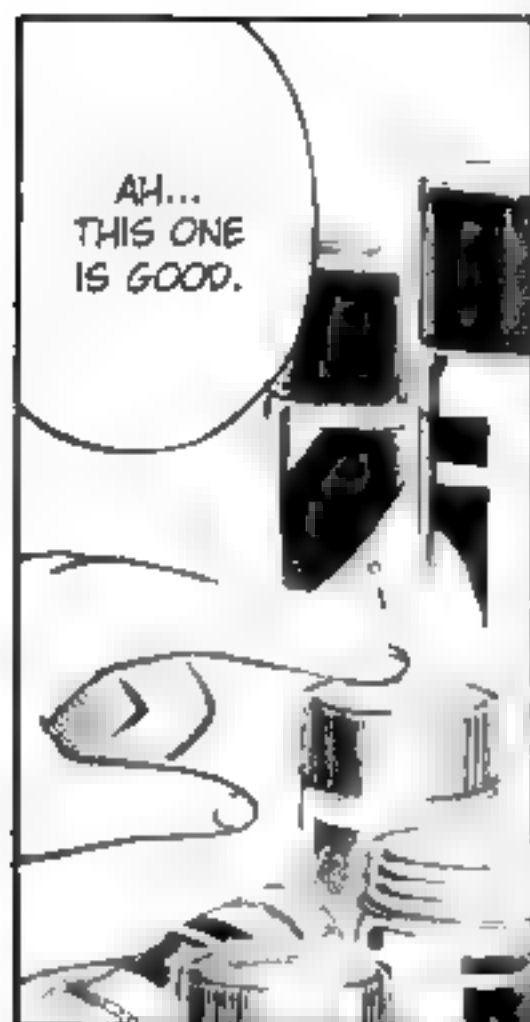








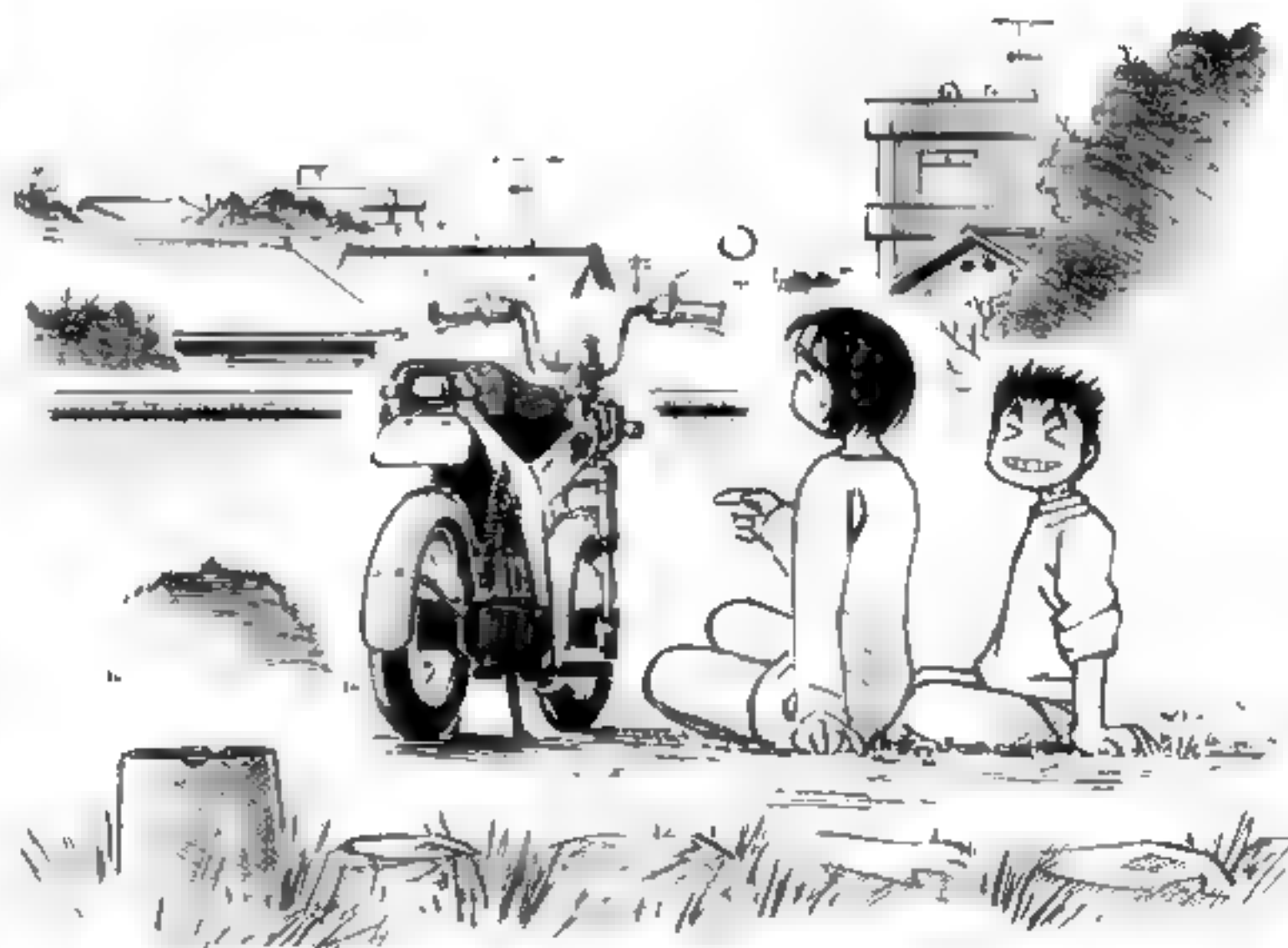












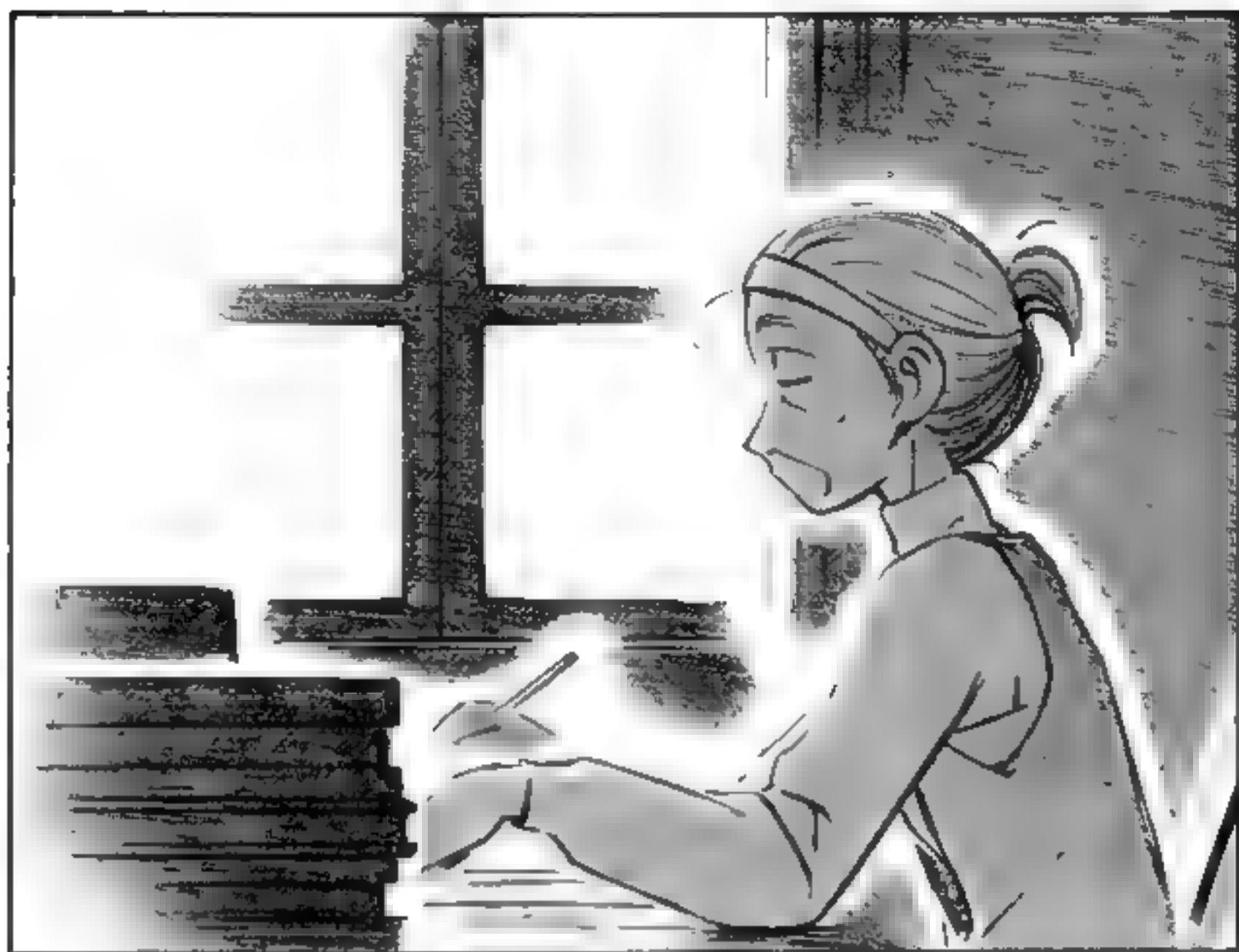
RIDING ON MY BIKE,
MY WORLD GREW
TEN TIMES LARGER.





WITH THIS,
I WONDER HOW
FAR I CAN GO,
AND HOW MUCH
I CAN SEE?





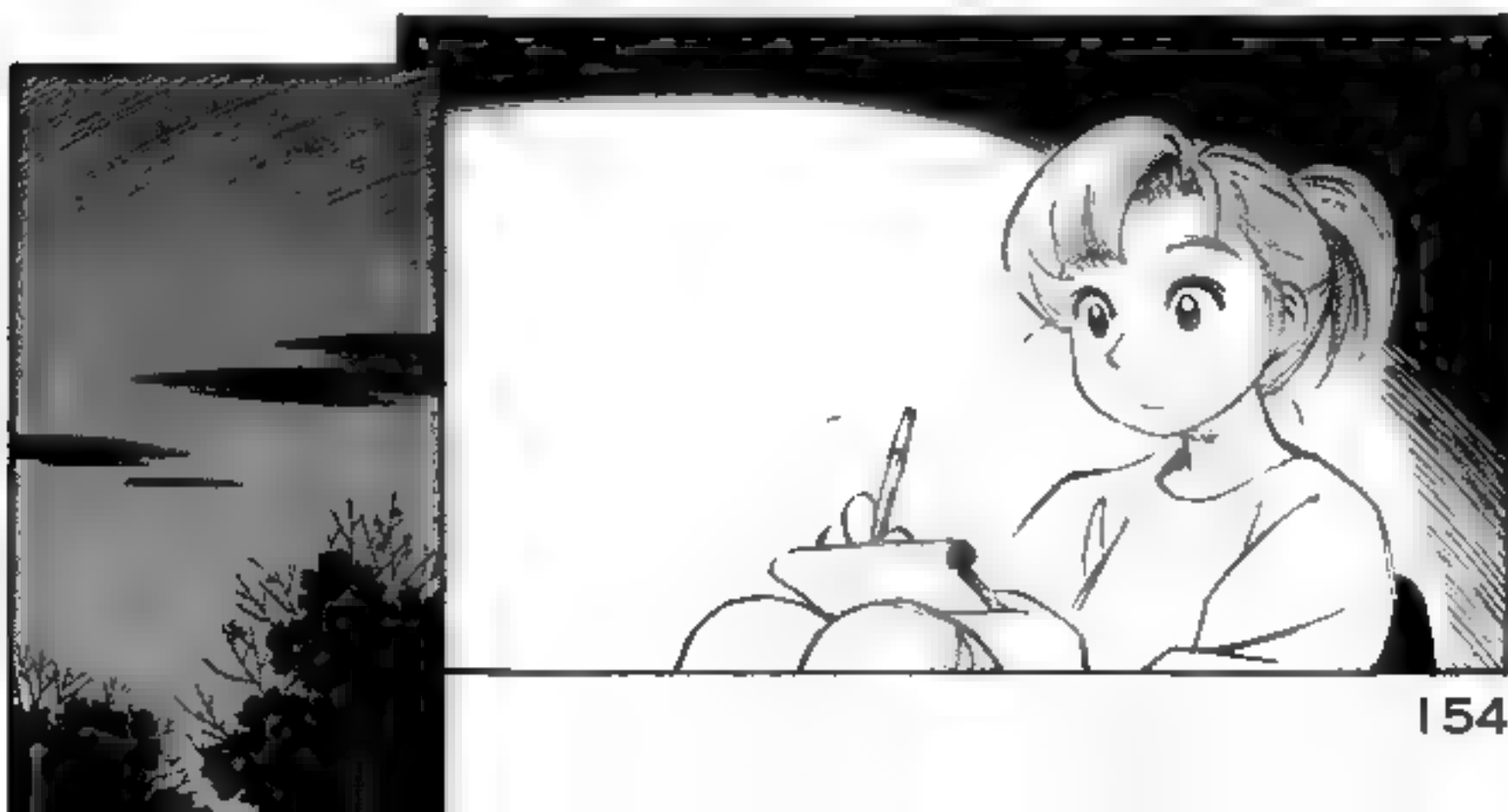


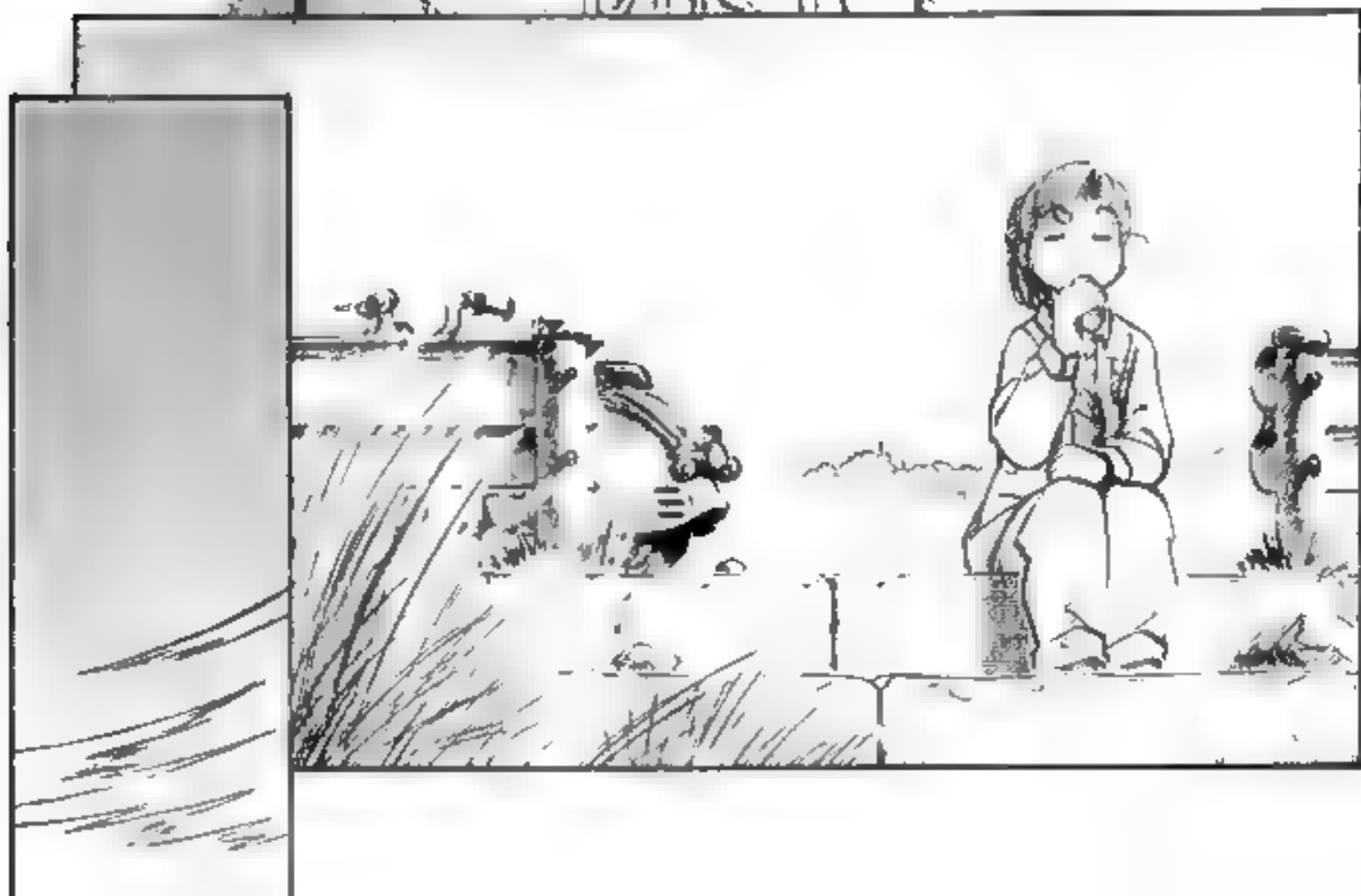
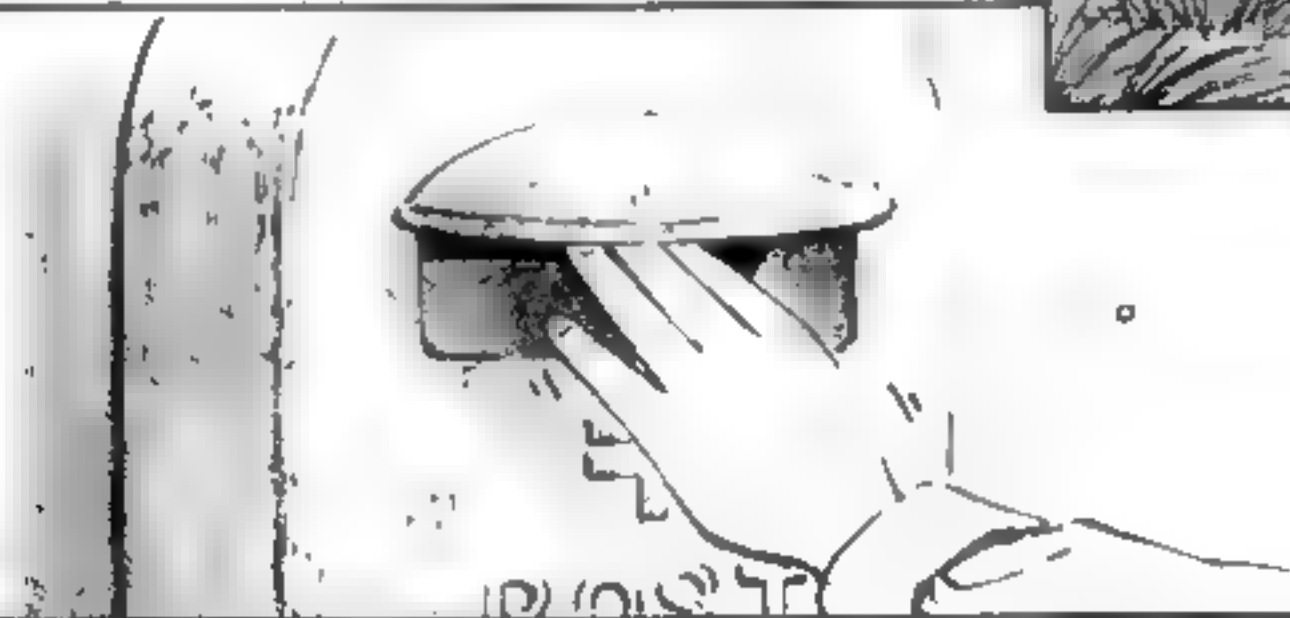


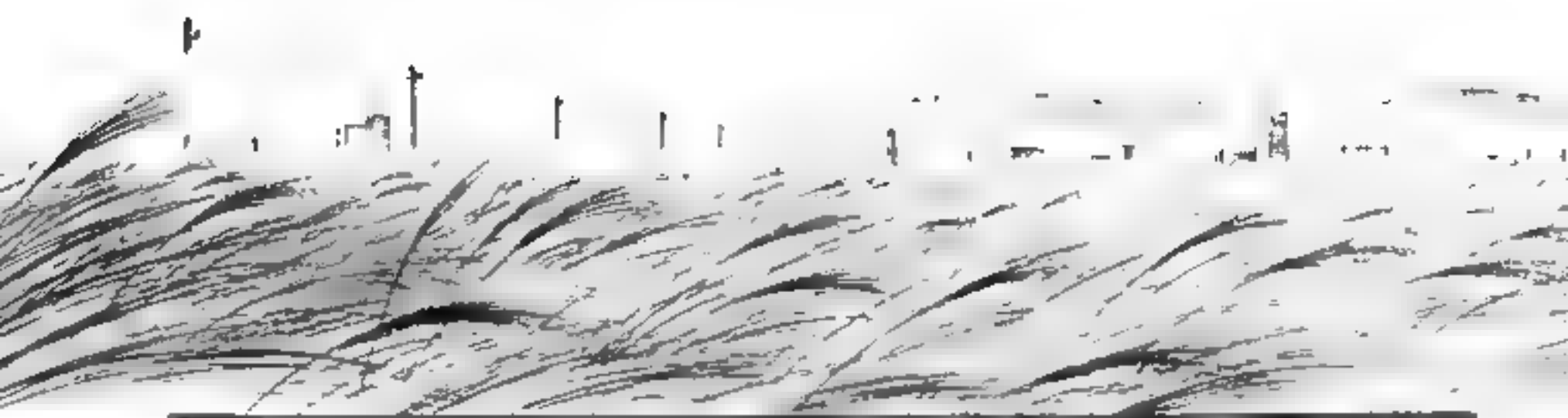
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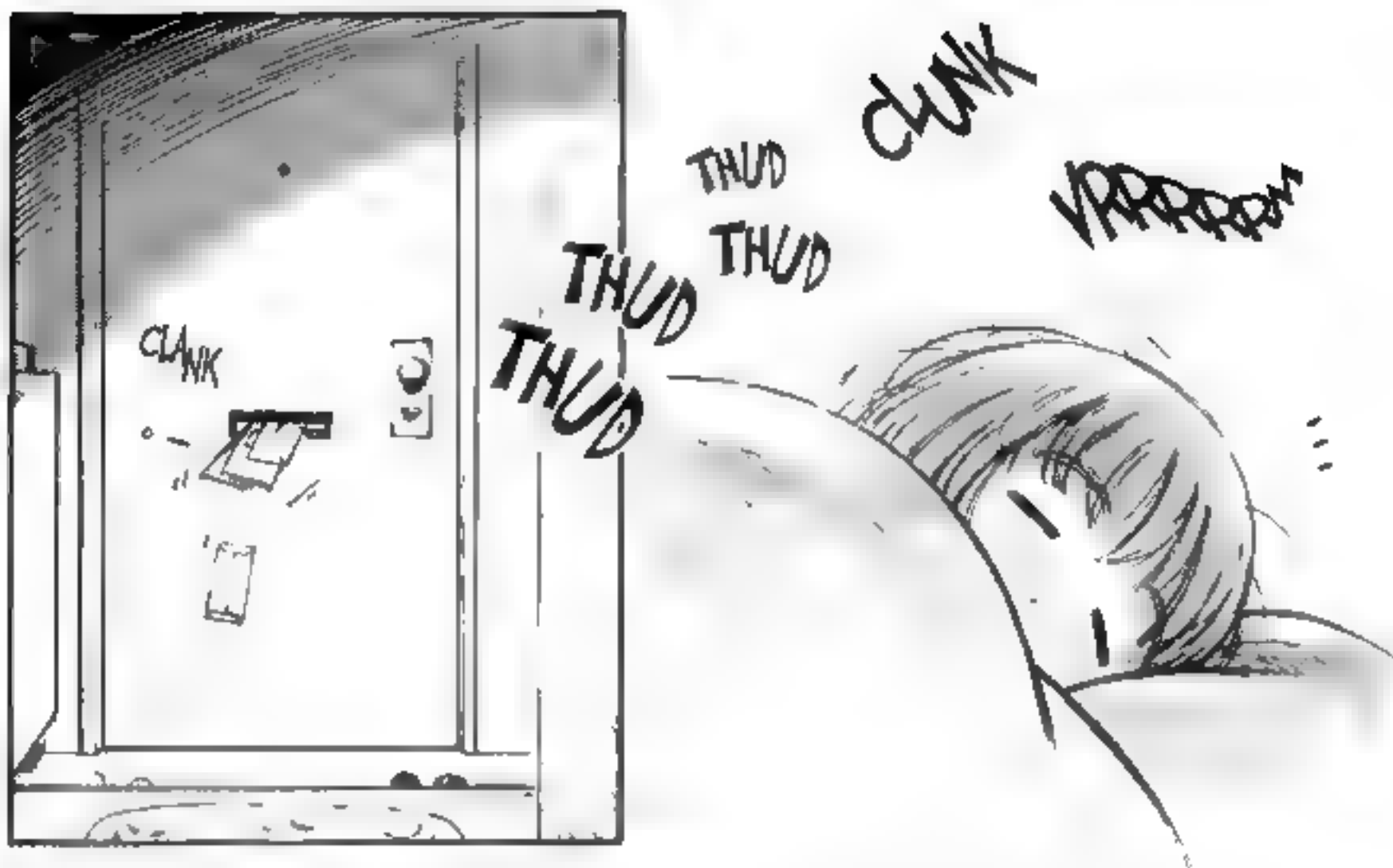
Musashino Correspondence

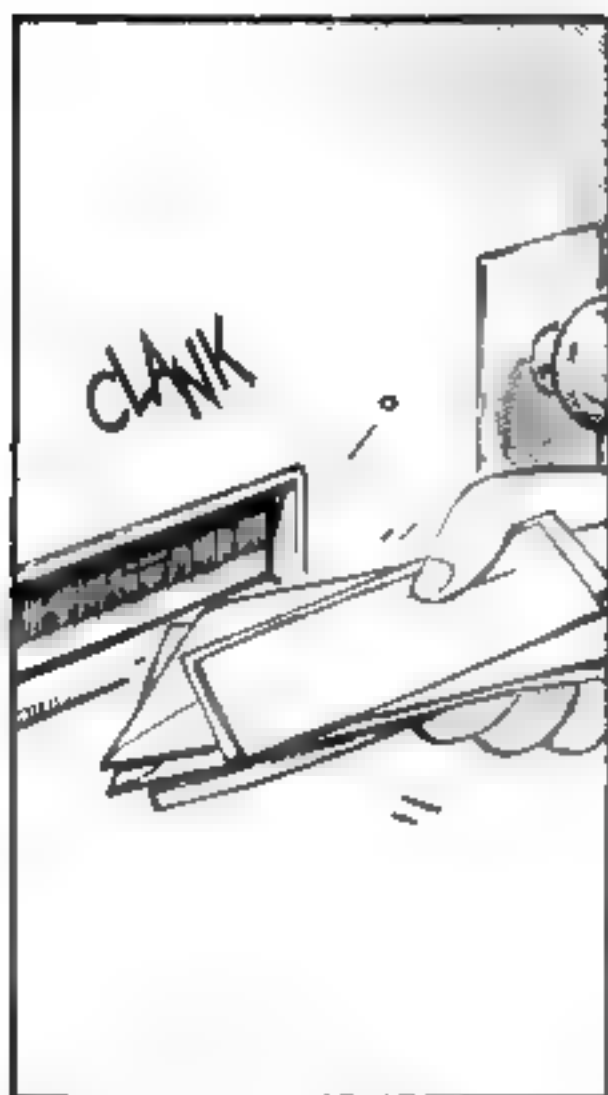






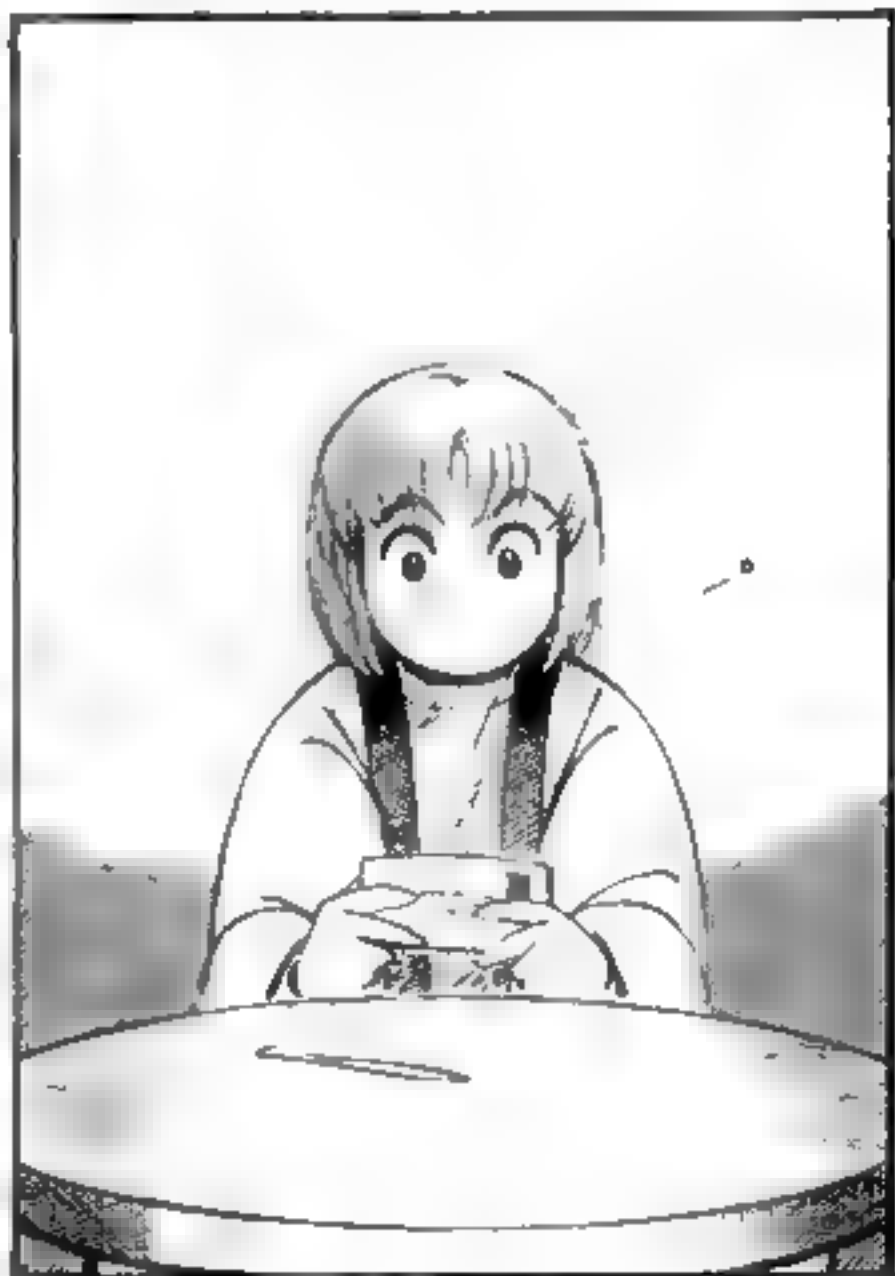


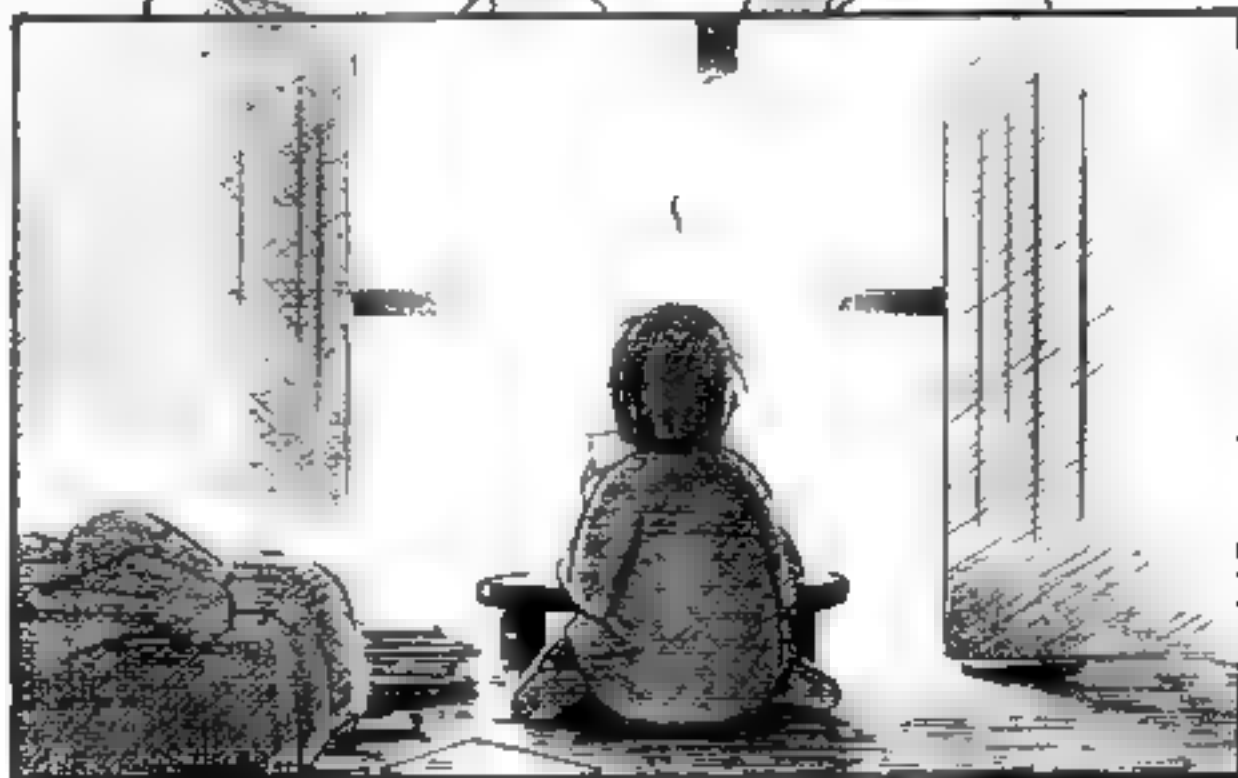
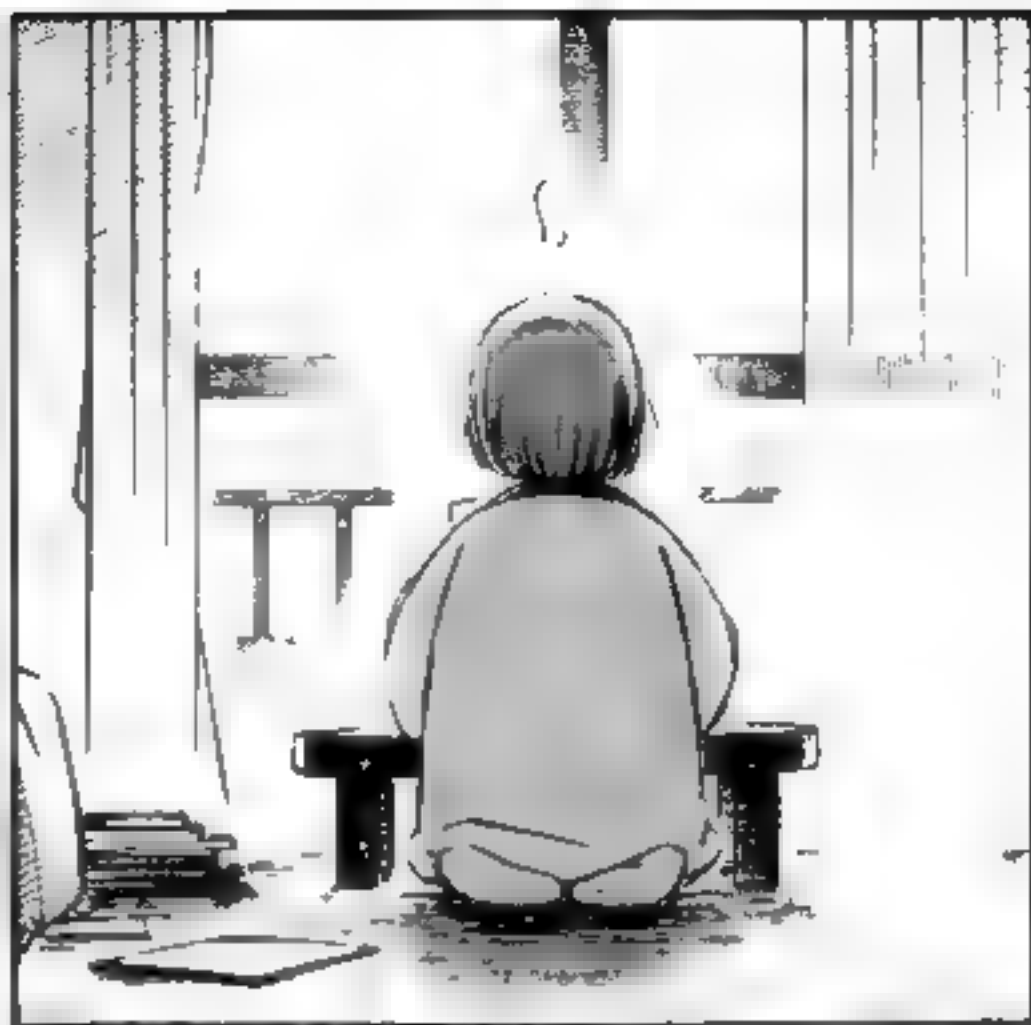


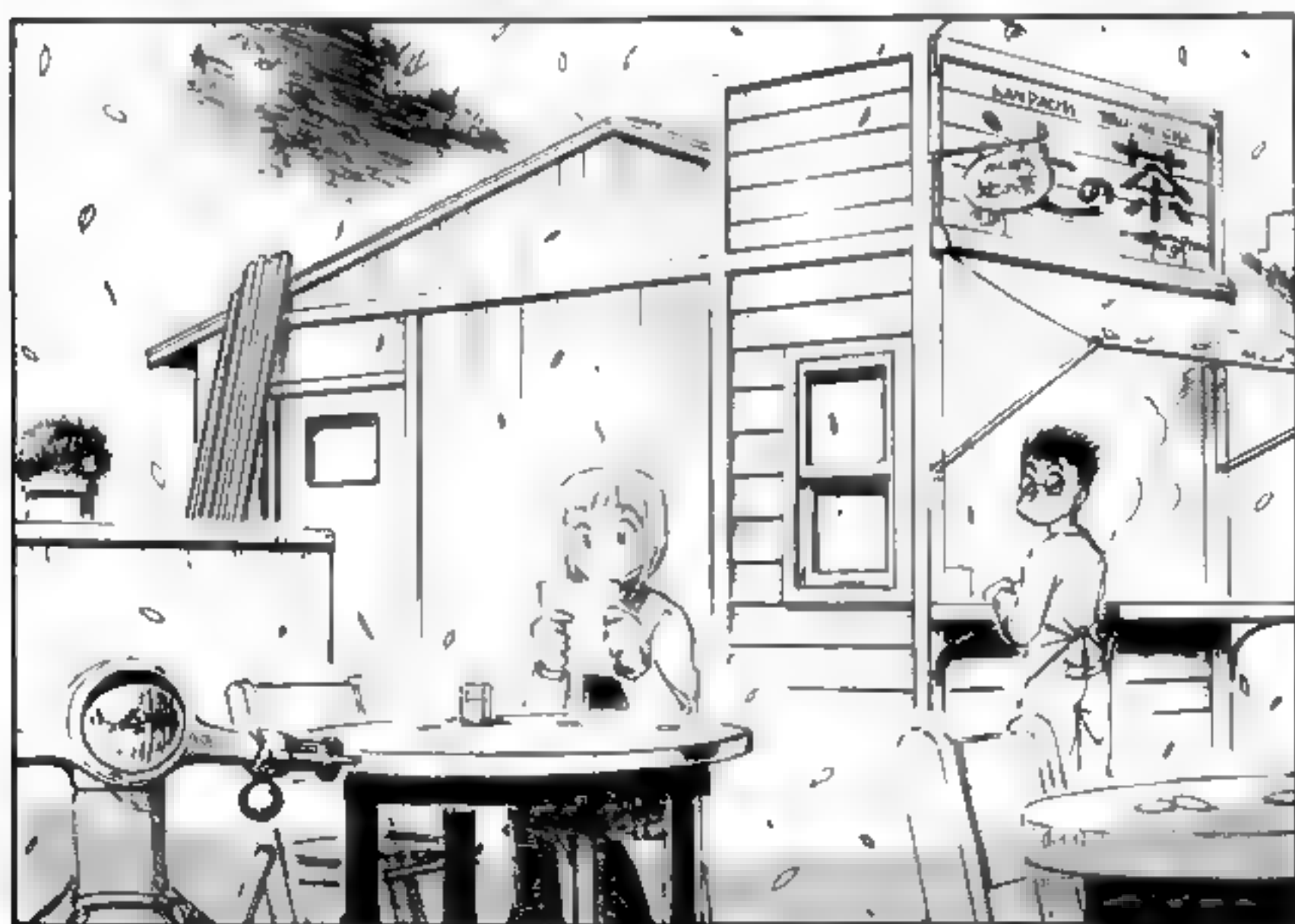
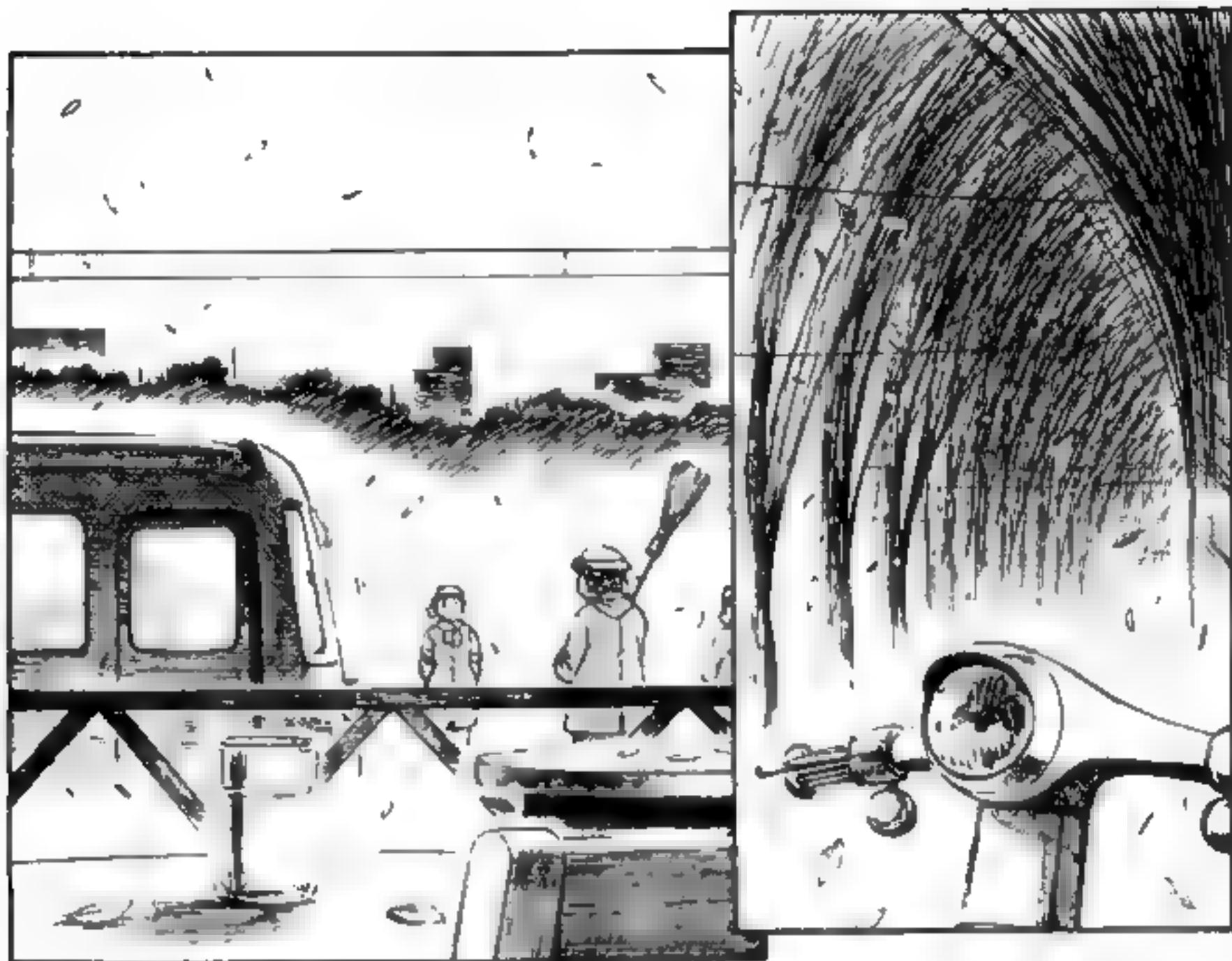


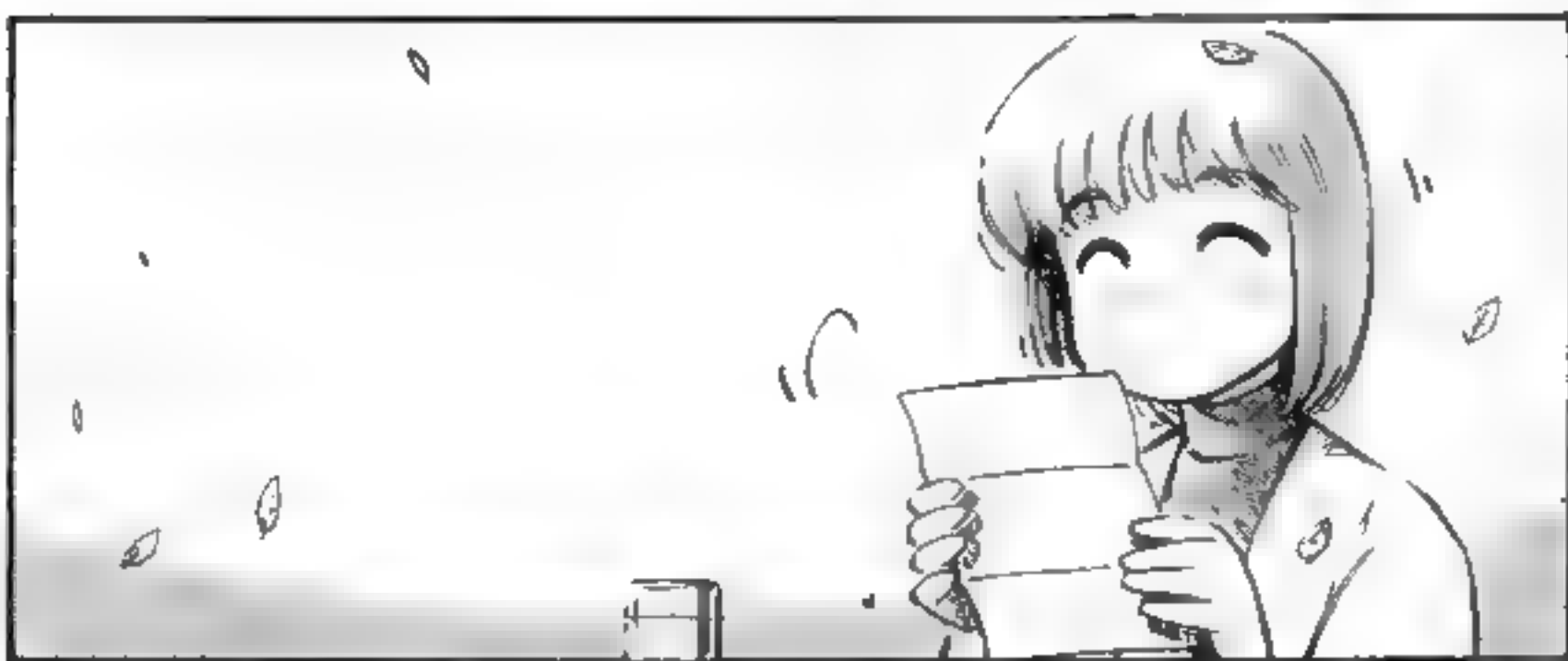
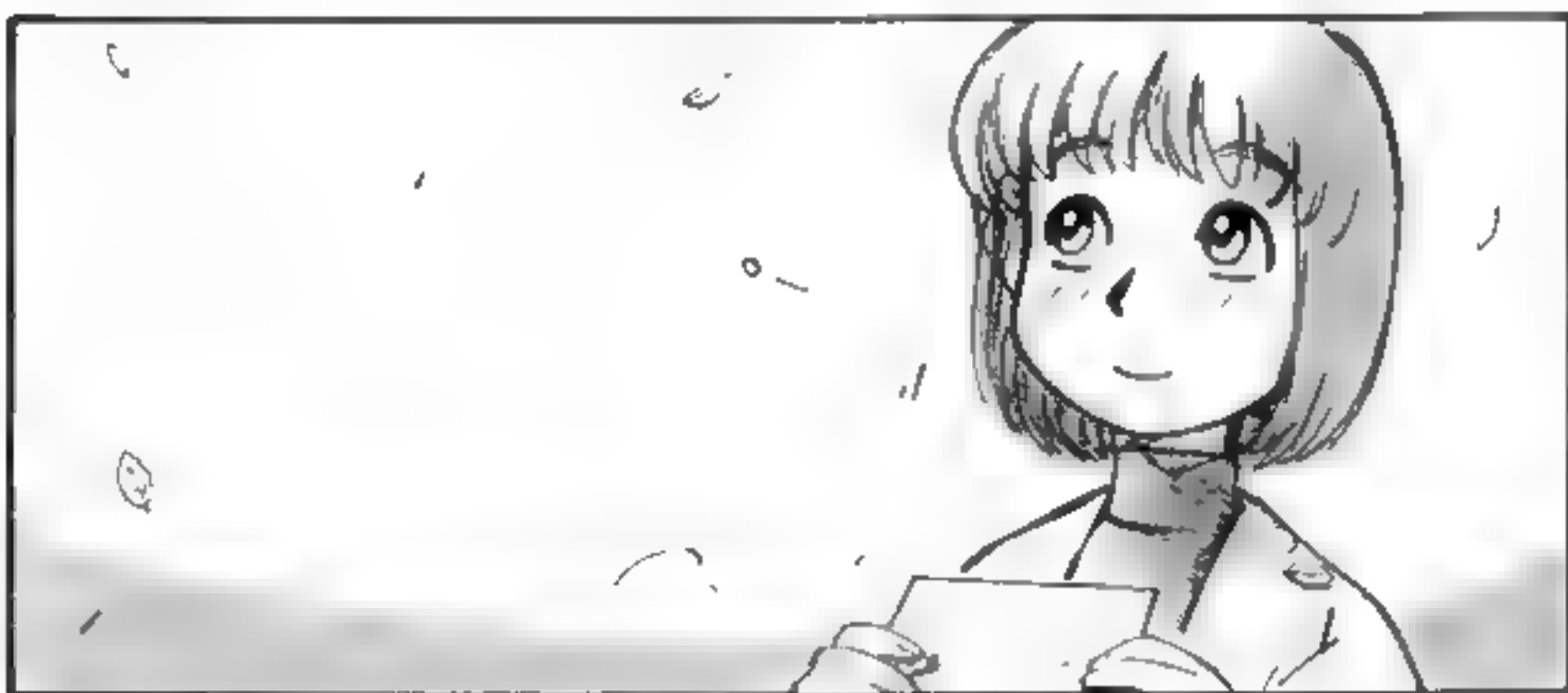
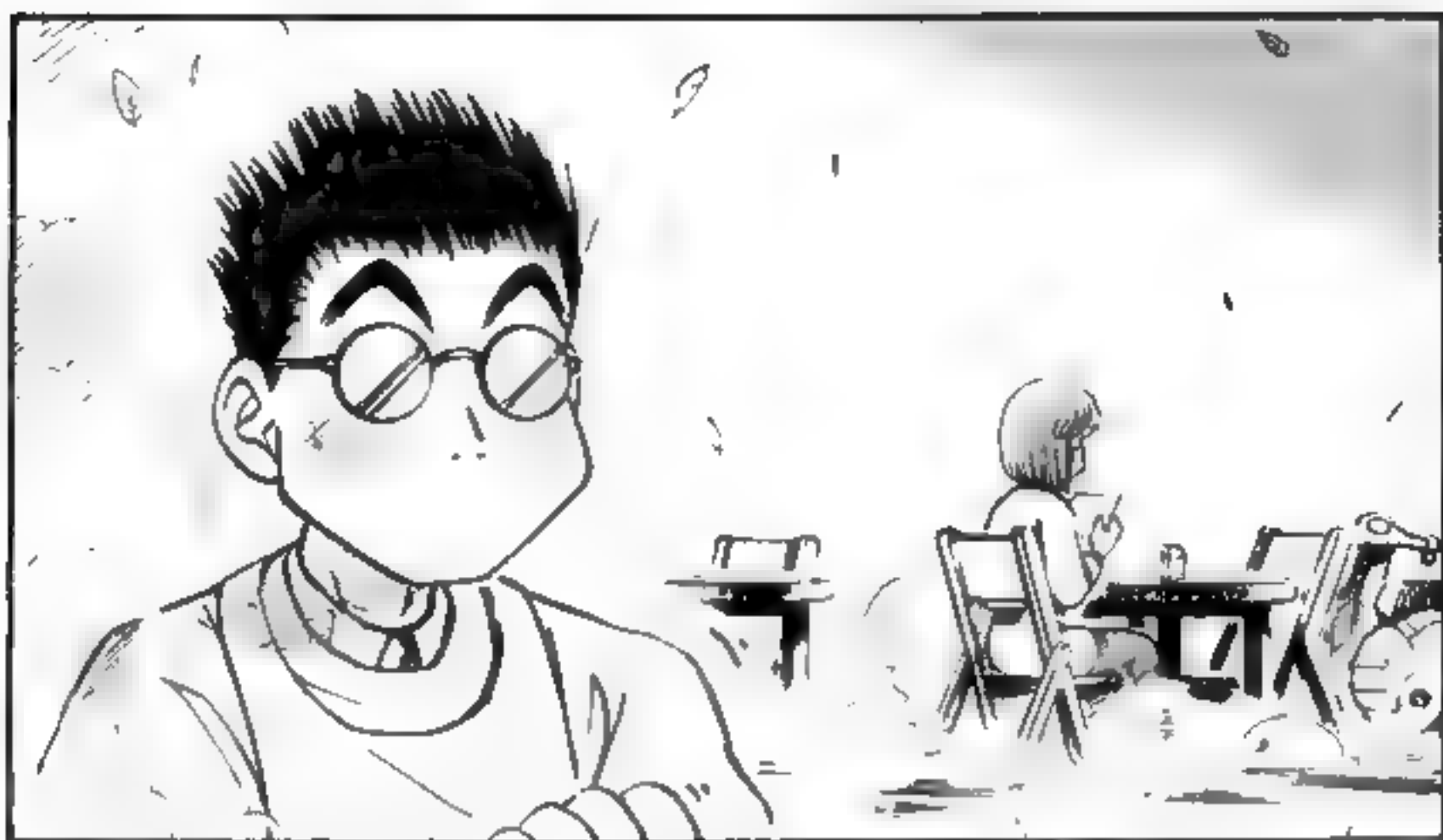
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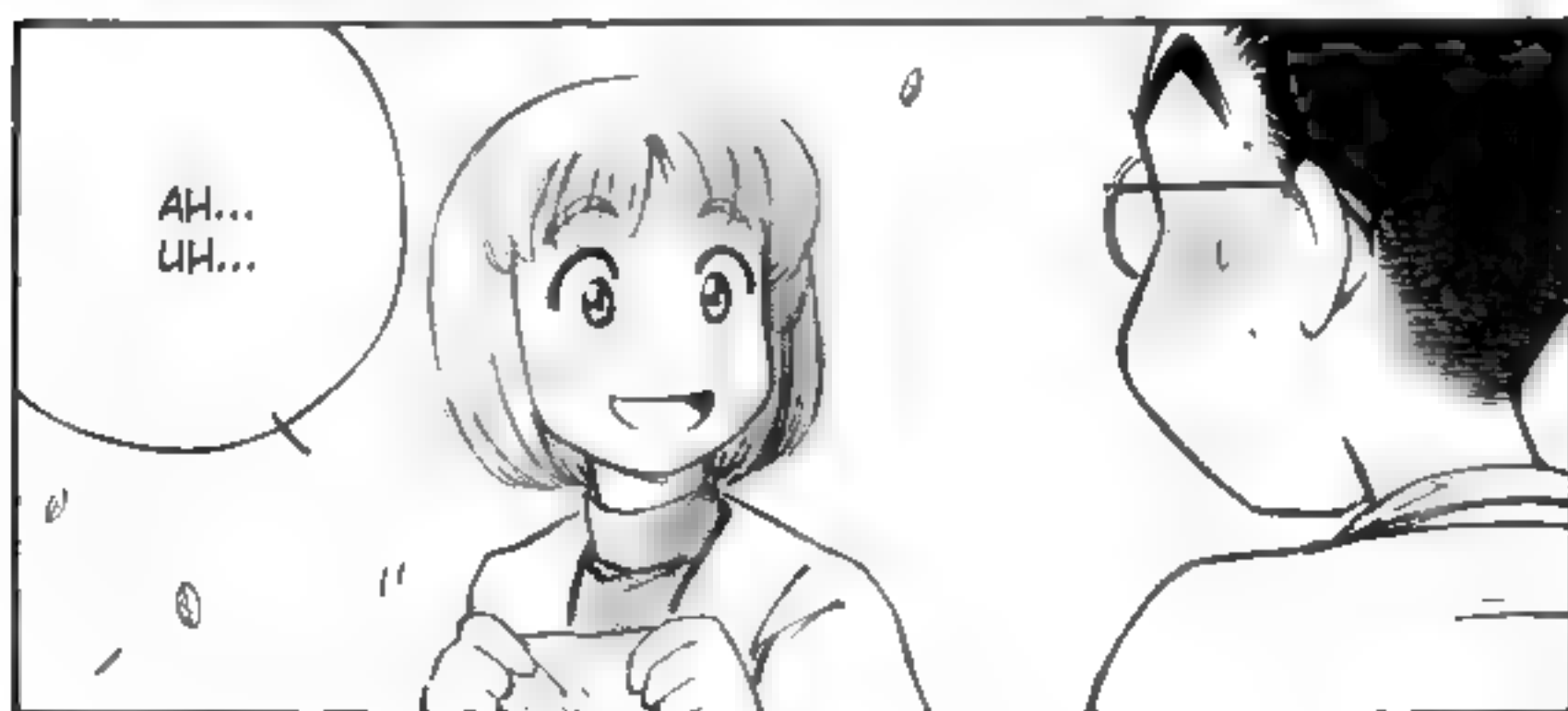
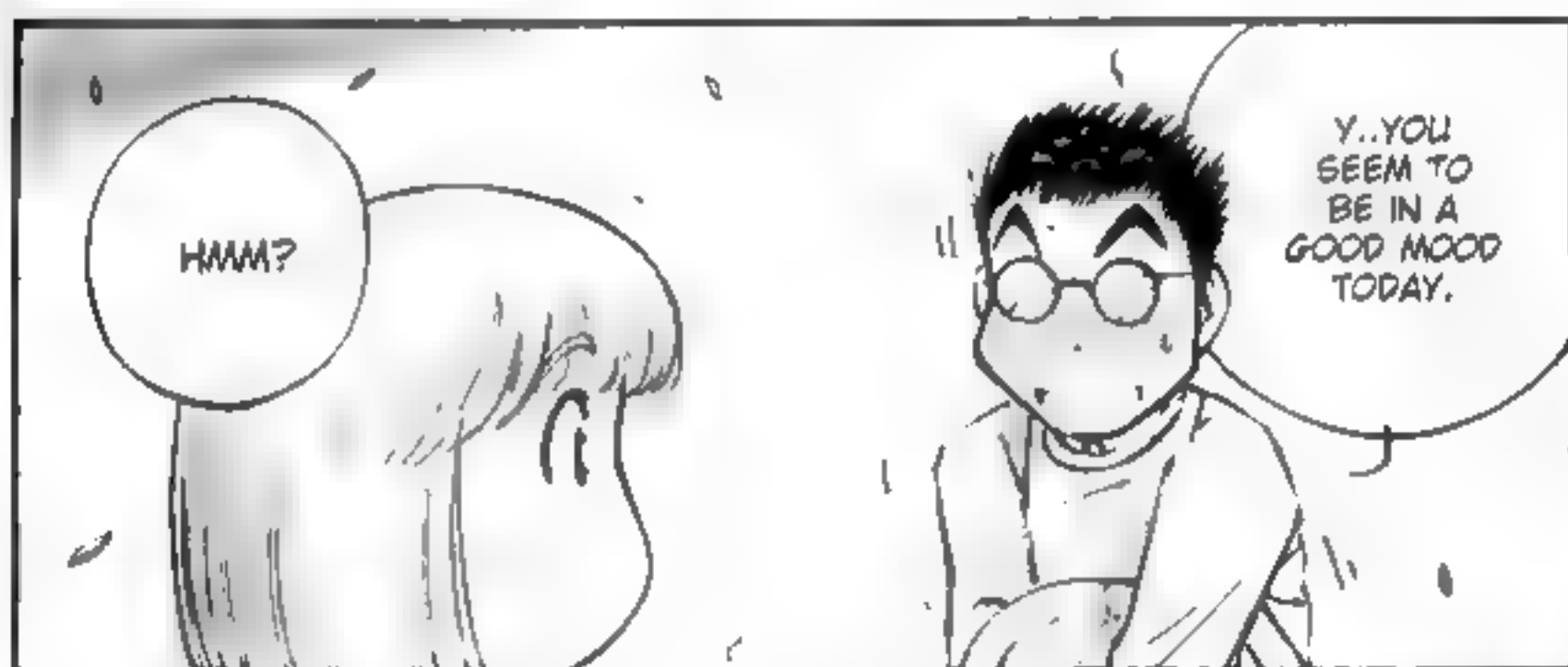


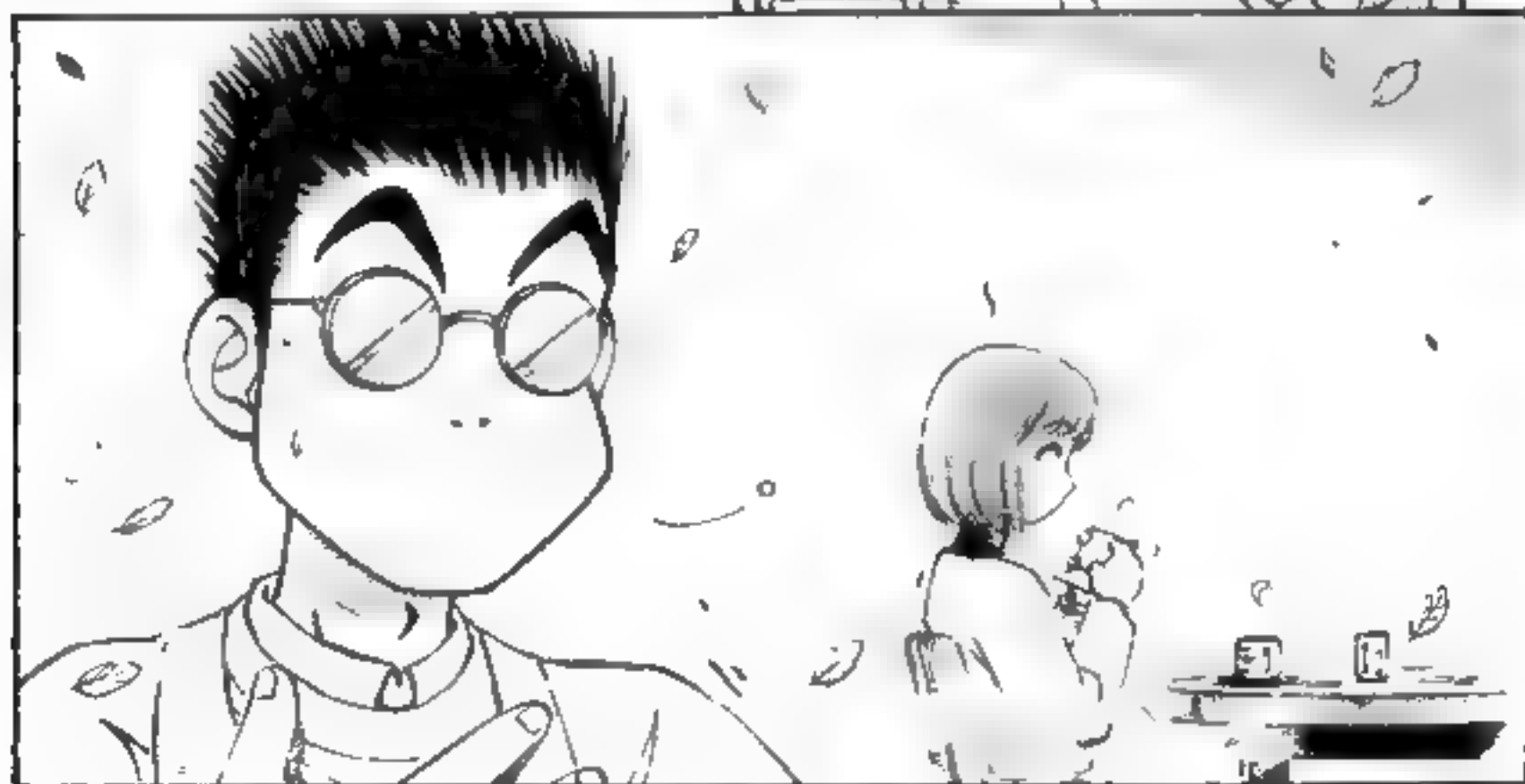


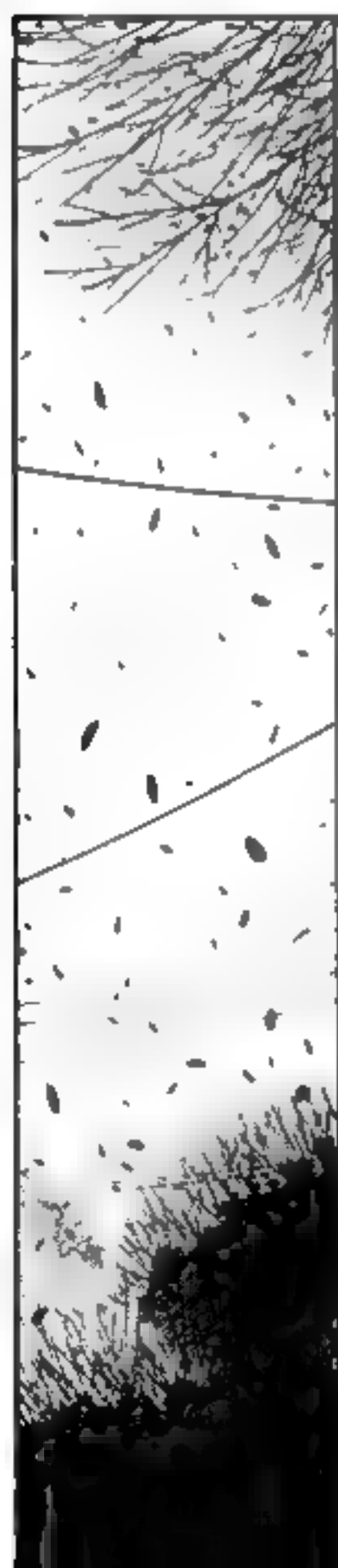
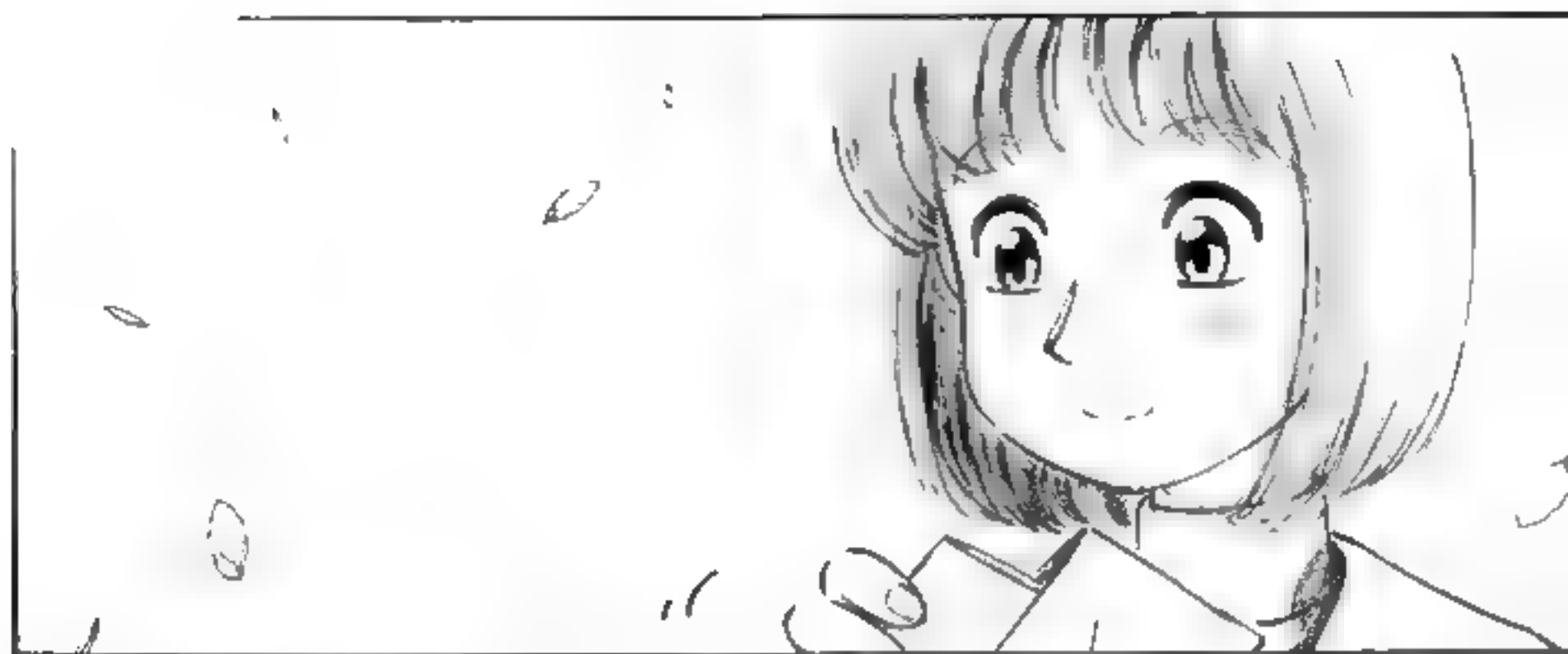


















"I'M KOLMIISHI.
A STUDENT."

"I'M *PUTARO."



* A YOUNG MAN
WITH NO JOB.

THERE THEY WERE:
KOKONE
AND MARUKO.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS GIRL...

That was
Alpha-san's...

but then
Alpha-san...

So then
Alpha-san...

WHY DON'T
YOU TALK
MORE
ABOUT
YOURSELF?

I'VE
HEARD
ENOUGH
ABOUT
THIS
"ALPHA."

ACK, WAS I
SPEAKING TOO
SHARPLY?

AH...
UM...
BUT...

.....

I WONDER
IF IT'S JUST
THAT TIME...

I mean, she
just made a
very strong
impression
on me...

I think that
Alpha-san...

I know
I go out to
Alpha-san's
too often...



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山の中で草をかきわけていて
 昔の海岸跡に出ることがあります。
 空撮の写真をながめていて
 海の中に川の跡を見ることがあります。
 海面にとつては、
 10mや20mの水位の変化など
 ほんの寝返り程度のことなんですよね。

芦奈野ひとし

